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M. MASSILIA	5026	F. C. A. Lyon	12th Jan.
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	19th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	G. L. Langborne	26th "
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	2nd Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	9th "
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	5257	T. Leigh	23rd "
* INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	9th "
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.L. INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	23rd "
* EGYPT	1918	G. L. Langborne	30th "
M.L. PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	6th April
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	13th "
M.L. EGYPT	1912	G. L. Langborne	20th "
* PENINSULA	7	T. Leigh	27th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	[illegible]	E. H. Gordon	4th May

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Steamer	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATOR	A. Fellner	4,119	1st Feb., 1901.
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
GISELA	F. Moser	4,253	20th Jan., 1901.
VINDOBONA	G. Klamberger	4,351	in Jan., 1901.

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INDUS	6,357	Duchateau	14th Feb., 1901.
SYDNEY	4,232	X	14th Mar., 1901.

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Bombay, 9th January, 1901.

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Messrs. SCHRODER SMIDT & Co.—Dighe Ghat, Dinapur, Patna.
Mr. GILBERT FINLAYSON—Sewan, Bankipore & Chapra.
H. FREDERICKSON, Esq.—Raj Nandgaon (Raipur, C. P.
Messrs. LALLAS GUNGARAM CHOONEKLAL.—Mhow and Indore.
MOOCHOOL SHAH, Esq.—Poona.
MANIBHAI JEYSINGBHAI HATHEESING, Esq.—Ahmedabad.
Messrs. CHUNIBHAI DAYABHAI VAKILNAH & Co.—Surat.
Messrs. JARDINE ROY & Co.—Barisal.

CAPITAL PAID UP—Rs. 40,00,000.

RATES OF INTEREST allowed are as under—
STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for home remittances 4 per cent. per annum.

FIXED DEPOSITS:—
9 to 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
2 years at 5½ per cent. per annum.

The Bank will also at the Head Office or at any of the Branches in India, transfer sums for DEPOSIT in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.

Special Rates are given for SHORT PERIOD DEPOSITS, which may be learnt on application.

Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received into the Bank's PRUDENTIAL FUND, bearing half-yearly compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

Cheques, Bills, Hundies and Currency Notes of any Circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 3 per cent. per annum upon the daily balances.

Apply for RULES to HEAD OFFICE or BRANCHES.

By Order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.
Oriental Buildings Bombay, 1st May, 1900.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yens 24,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL..... „ 18,000,000
RESERVE FUND..... „ 8,130,600

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Tientsin.

BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK
The UNION BANK of LONDON, AND THE PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World.

Y. MATSUO,
Manager.
Albert Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

CAPITAL..... £800,000
RESERVE FUND..... £525,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS..... £800,000

HEAD OFFICE.
SATTON COURT, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

Bombay,	Singapore,	Manila,
Calcutta,	Bangkok,	Cebu Philippines
Madras	Kwala Lumpor,	Shanghai,
Rangoon,	Batavia,	Tientsin,
Colombo,	Sourabaya,	Hankow,
Penang,	Hongkong,	Yokohama,
Deli (Sumatra),	Foochow	Kobe,
Thaiping.		

The Corporation GRANT DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches; buy and receive for collection Bills of Exchange; issue Letters of Credit; and undertake general banking business.

FIXED DEPOSITS

are received for TWELVE MONTHS at FOUR PER CENT. per Annum. Rate for shorter periods may be ascertained on application.

JOHN STIVEN,
Agent.
Bombay Agency, Elphinstone Circle.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ...£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000
RESERVE FUND £330,000

HEAD OFFICE:
47 THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E. C.

BRANCHES:
Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Kurrachee, Lahore, Delhi, Rangoon, Mandalay, Tuticorin, Umritsar, Kandy, Newera Elya, Zanzibar, Steamer Point, Aden, Cawnpore and Mombassa.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of Interest to be ascertained on application.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and Interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 1,00,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.

H. CHALMERS,
Manager.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital.....$ 100,00,000
Sterling Reserve Fund.....$ 100,00,000
Silver Reserve Fund.....$ 20,00,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG:

SIR THOMAS JACKSON, *Chief Manager.*

London Bankers.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LD.,

LONDON COMMITTEE:

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CARL MEYER, Esq., (Director, National Bank, Egypt).
G. R. NOBLE, Esq., 34 Inverness Terrace, Bayswater, W.
WM. GAIR RATHBONE, Esq., (Director, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.
SIR EWEN CAMERON, K.C.M.G., JOHN WALTER, Esq. } Managers.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES,

LONDON, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI.

AMOY,	HANKOW,	PENANG,
BANGKOK,	HIOGO,	RANGOON,
BATAVIA,	ILOILO,	SAIGON,
BOMBAY,	LYONS,	SAN FRANCISCO,
CALCUTTA,	MANILA,	SINGAPORE,
COLOMBO,	NAGASAKI,	SOURABAYA,
FOOCHOW,	NEW YORK,	TIENTSIN,
HAMBURG,	PEKING,	YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances if not under Rs. 1,000, and not exceeding Rs. 1,50,000; but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half-yearly.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Are received for 12 months at 4 per cent per annum and for shorter periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

W. R. THOMSON,
Agent.
47, Church Gate Street, Bombay.

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
INDIAN [illegible]				10 p. c. }	
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	2 bon. }	1255
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,270
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commercial Bank of India	{ 10,000 / 15,000 }	100	{ 100 / 75 }	nil	64
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£6	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank,	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£291
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12 1-2	8 pr. ct.	

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.	
Ahmedabad Advantage	70			000 Nil	
Alliance	1,500	1,200	all	0 Nil	17
Anglo-Indian	1,315				
Assur Veerjee Mill. Ltd	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been all lotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	
Aurangabad S. & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Auxiliary S.&W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,00
Berar Manfg. Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	17
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvdRs 30	480
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,00	,000	...	9
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	d dRs.	0
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,00
Central India	1,000	500	50	dvdRs.50	1,915
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.8	435
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.25	660
Coimbatore S. and W.	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	500
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	nil	355
Coorla Mills	...	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	350
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	590
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvdRs30	215
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co. Ld.	400	250	all	dvdRs30	260
Dhun Mills	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	345
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	975	1,000	1,000	Nil	360
Hingunghat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	25	500
Hope Mills	600	1,000	1,000	30	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,200
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	160
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	80
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	400
James Greaves, Jaffer Alli	1,100	500	488	Nil	400
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	600	500	500	dvdRs 20	220
Jewraj Balloo, Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	1,500	250	250	dvd 5	130
Khandeish	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	425
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	4,430	1,000	1,000	20	300
Khatao Maconjee	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvdRs65	700
Krishna Mills Ld	1,000	250	250	65	500xd
Leopold	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	450
Lord Reay Mfg	1,218	500	—	dvdRs.82	570
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	3,500	100	100	dvdRs10	158
Madras United	445	1,000	1,000	30	140
Mahauximee	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	530
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,825
Manockjee Petit	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mathuradas K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld.,	8,400	500	500	pr ct.	...
Amaroti	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd40	1,772
Morarji Gouldas	300	100	115	dvdRs15	...
Muscapee	6,000	250	...	Nil	62½
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs35	1,485
Nadura Mills	4,000	250	250	Nil	160
National	7,779	100	100	Nil	...
New Great Eastern	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
Presidency Mills. Co.(Ld).	1,400	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Queen Mills	742	1,	1,000	Nil	525
Ripon Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs30	530
Saraswati Mills	600	1,000	1,000	dvdRs5	800
Sassoon	1,250	500	500	Nil	560
Sholapore Mills	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	500
Soonderdas	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	1210
Southern India	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Southern Mahratta	1,000	500	500	Nil	85
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,219	250	250	Nil	245
Standard Mills Co.	1,300	250	250	Nil	160
Star of India	1,000	500	500	Nil	255
Swadeshi Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	66
Sassoon and Allianco	4,000	500	500	dvdRs22½	576
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	3,000	500	500	Nil	325
Union Mills Ld.	500	1,000	1,000	Ni	
Venishunker Lukhmishunker Mill Co. Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	25
Victoria Mills	900	500	500	Nil	410xd
Western India,	350	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co, Ld.	1,300	1,000	1,000	Nil	300
	400	50	all	dvdR-	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	...	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	500	00	...	5 pr. ct.	6
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	600	500	...	4 pr. ct.	457½

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Half yearly	
Wylock Asbestos	1,750	100	100	dv Rs10	195xd
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	35
Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	159
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	12,500	500	dvd 450	6,825
Do. New Issue.	500	375	625	dvd 112½	1,730
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	00	100	dvd 4	60
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	5 pr ct	55
Bombay Flour Mills	000	500	500	55	735
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr ct	330
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	500	200	200	dvd Rs 8	160
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.	2,000	250	250	9 p 16	520
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	292	500	50	...	56
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	00	10	10 pr. ct.	15
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	175
Kemp & Co.	4,000	200	175	21	359
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	300	0	183
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	158
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	1	9 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	0	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	0	12 pr. ct.	131
Phillips & Co. Ld.	4,000	100	50	Nil	30
Port Canning Co.	6,000	000	100	25	470
Soundy & Co	1,000	100	1,000	5	24xd
Thacker & Co.	2,000	500	50	50	900
Thacker & Co.,	1,800	100		dvd Rs 8	155
Telephone Co.	300	251	100	12½	30

THE first hearing of the suit against the Southern Mahratta Railway Company by Mr. D'Cruz for Rs. 20,000 damages for the loss of his son, who was killed in the Mulloor Bridge accident in September, 1897, came on for hearing at the Chief Court, Mysore on Monday. The plaintiff and four witnesses were examined, after which the case was adjourned till the 25th February for further evidence. In the meantime, the Judge suggested to the plaintiff to effect a compromise as he understood that the Company was willing to pay a certain sum, but they considered plaintiff's claim extravagant.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 9.

2 3-4 per cent Consols.....£97 1-4 unchanged.
3 per cent Rentes.....£103 „
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£103 „
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities.....£93 5-8—3-16
Bar Silver in London.....29 1-2 plus 1-8
Do in New York.....64 plus 1-4
Exchange on London at Paris.....25 11 1-2 unchanged.
Do on New York.....4·86 3-4—1-8
Discount. Bank of England.....5 unchanged.
Do Short London Bills.....4 1-8 „
Do Indian Bank Bills.....4 1-8—1-8

Withdrawn from the Bank of England £125,000.
Freight on Coals Cardiff to Bombay 16s.

EXCHANGE.

The market has been steady to-day at following rates, without much business passing:—

Bank Telegraphic Transfer..... 1s. 4 1-16d.
„ Demand..... 1s. 4 3-32d.
3 Months' Sight Credits..... 1s. 4 11-32d.
„ „ Francs..... 171
30 Days' sight Japan..... 148
„ „ Shanghai..... 208
Silver, London..... 29 1-2
„ New York..... 63 3-4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market opened to-day at Rs. 95 5-16, declined to Rs. 95 1-4, improved to Rs. 95 7-16 and closed at Rs. 95 3-8. A fair amount of business is reported to have been done.

SHARES.

The market is quiet and we have no special transactions to report. Bank of Bengal shares are to-day Rs. 1,273. In Mill shares David's are quoted Rs. 245; Maneckjee Petit's Rs. 1,772-8; Mazagon Rs. 62-8; Morarji Gocouldas's Rs. 1,485; and Presidency Rs. 525. In Railway shares Tapti Valley's stand to-day at Rs. 457-8.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The following are the weekly remittances to Home Treasury by means of Council Bills:—

	£
(1) Amount to be remitted during 1900-1901	16,440,000
(2) Remitted from 1st April 1900 to 30th December 1900	7,210,149
(3) Balance to be remitted from 30th December 1900 to 31st March 1901	9,229,851

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the Imports into and Exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign Countries since the departure of last mail:—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins	1,602,825	...
Gold Bullion	454	...
Silver Coins	251,058	...
Silver Bullion	a	...

a On Government account.

THE RESERVE TREASURIES.

The following were the Balances in the Reserve Treasuries of the Government of India on the evening of the following dates:—

	Dec. 12. Rs.	Dec. 18. Rs.	Dec. 23. Rs.	Jan. 1. Rs.
Calcutta	48,39,228	79,27,824	1,43,74,871	1,57,75,751
Madras	8,76,062	4,35,987	19,15,492	19,15,192
Bombay	32,85,447	46,82,504	36,44,471	29,99,827
Total	89,98,767	1,30,44,315	1,99,31,834	2,06,87,770

COTTON.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet; Surats quiet; Manchester was quiet; total Sales 7,000 bales; sold on speculation and for Export 500 bales; Imports 54,000 bales; Surats nil. Spot 5 19-32—1-32 Arrivals closed steady.

Futures at Liverpool—

Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	April-May.	July-Aug.
5·31	5·28	5·20	5·11
—3-64	—3-64	—3-64	—3-64

In New York the receipts at the Ports were 32,000 bales; receipts last year, 32,000 bales; exports to Great Britain, 12,000 bales; and exports to Continent, 27,000 bales:—

Mid.-Uplands.....10 1-4 unchanged.
Futures month of April.....9·60 plus 6
Do Do of July.....9·53 plus 5

Our local market is steady with rates fairly maintained both for ready cotton and forward descriptions. Exporters and Mills are buying heavily in up-country markets and this consequently restricts business in Bombay. Some sales, however in Fine Bengal with Liverpool guarantee is reported to have been done from Rs. 193 to 194. One exporter is reported to have sold some few hundred bales of Fully Good Khandeish at Rs. 207 per candy for March 1901. The sales at Colaba to-day both by exporters and Mills totalled 1,300 bales, of which exporters took up 1,100 bales and the Mills 200 bales. The following are the official quotations:—

Growths.	Fine. Rs.	F. G. Rs.	Good. Rs.	Delivery.
Bengals, Hand-ginned, Railway terms				Unchanged from 8th January.
Bengals, Machine-ginned, Railway terms				
Scind-Punjab Machine-ginned				
Bhattee, Machine-ginned				
Do Hand-ginned				
Khandeish Machine-ginned				
Juigaum Machine-ginned				
Sheegaum Do				
Akola Machine-ginned				
Khamgaum Machine-ginned				
Karanja Machine-ginned				
Barsee				
Oomra, Good Staple				
Broach, Machine-ginned	240	—	—	Mar. 25
Do Do			229	Mar. 15-25
Bhownugger, Machine-ginned	228	218	...	April-May.
Do Hand-ginned	...	...	201	May 15-25
Saw-ginned Dharwar	...	...	230	May 25
Western	...	...	218	Do

The following are the receipts of the various growths of Cotton at Bombay to date as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding season:—

	Yesterday.	Since 1st Oct. 1900.	Since 1st Oct, 1899
		cwts.	cwts.
Khandeish	4,371	94,471	51,026
Barsee and Nugur	1,134	26,930	13,432
Berar	7,503	179,674	60,919
Hinguughat	234	4,159	2,454
Dhollera	...	2,182	32,688
Broach	...	299	24,854
Compta and Dharwar	57	8,679	14,110
Westerns	...	1,912	600
Bengals	509	72,170	161,122
Sind	...	617	9,667
Persian	38	1,660	1,612
American	...	5,399	4,092
Egyptian	...	2,531	3,546
Other sorts	...	2,921	1,295
Total	13,846	402,704	3,81,347

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

Reuter's telegrams to hand to-day state that Rapeseed (Brown) is quiet and the quotation is 3rd. lower viz., 37 3-4 with sellers for the ports of Havre Antwerp and Dunkirk, April-May shipment.

Linseed also is quiet and quoted 6d. lower, the rate now being 48 with sellers for Dunkirk, April-May shipment.

The WHEAT market in Bombay remains unchanged and nothing has been doing. White Delhi stands at Rs. 4-6-0, April-May.

The market for LINSEED is quiet and there are one or two purchasers for ready lots. The rates to-day are Linseed bold, ready, Rs. 9-10; April-May Rs. 8-7.

RAPESEED and POPPYSEED are quiet and we have not heard of any business to-day. Brown Cawnpore stands at Rs. 8-4 and Delhi at Rs. 6-6-3. POPPYSEED ready, Rs. 8·13·0 and Rs. 7-9-0 for April-May delivery.

CASTORSEED is steady; ready lots are quoted at Rs. 37-8-0; April-May Rs. 34-4.

GINGELLY continues very strong and some European firms are said to be operating largely. The prices to-day are:—

Gingellyseed New 85 per cent ..... Rs. 44-4
„ „ 75 „ „ 43-8
„ „ 50 „ „ 42
„ „ Red..... „ 40-41

Subjoined is a summary of daily arrivals of produce into Bombay:—

	Yesterday. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1901. cwts.	Since 1st Jan 1900. cwts.
Wheat	7,522	35,599	27,599
Linseed	491	2,926	5,695
Rapeseed	473	1,592	1,400
Gingellyseed	14,512	110,021	92,098
Poppyseed	347	777	1,032
Groundnuts	375	3,200	1,425
Castorseed	2,859	22,255	3,546
Rice	10,712	48,455	141,448
Myrabollams	2,775	15,755	not recorded.

CROPS.

The telegraphic reports from up-country regarding the progress of the crops in the various agricultural districts are of the whole satisfactory. Cotton plants are flourishing and parcels of the raw material are still being received in Amritsar, Agra, Beawar, and Jalgaon. In Khandeish the estimate of the crop is 10 annas; and in Barsi the crop is said to be excellent. Wheat is flourshing. Rapeseed is doing well, and food grains sowing has been completed. Rabi prospects are reported generally good.

IMPORTS OF SUGAR.

Attention is opportunely drawn by a Home writer to the light thrown by the statistics of the sugar imported into India in the official years 1898-99 and 1899-1900 respectively, on the question of the effect of the countervailing duties on country-fed beet sugar In the former year, when there were no countervailing duties the imports totalled 4,077,499 cwts; in the latter year, during the whole of which the duties were operation, the total fell to 3,360,862 cwts. But the noteworthy point is that of the difference of 716,637, cwts, 639,361 cwts was due to diminished importations from Austria-Hungary and Germany, chief—indeed, practically the sole exporters of bounty-fed beet sugar to India. At the same time, it may be added, there was a reduction of upwards of 300,000 cwts in the importationsof cane sugar from Mauritius so that neither of the contentions of the Cobden Club—that the duties had left the exporters of beet sugar unseathed, and that their chief effect had been to aggrandise the Mauritius planters at the expense of the local consumer—is borne out by the figures as far as they go. It is, of course, quite possible that, but for the countervailing duties, the diminution of the imports from Mauritius might have been still larger, but as to the weight of the blow inflicted on the bounty-fed product there can hardly be any question.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CANDY and the Hon Mr. JUSTICE WHITWORTH.)

PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE'S JUDGMENT REVERSED.

IMPERATRIX *vs.* TULSIDAS LUKHAMSI.

THIS was an appeal from a division of Mr. W. Webb, Second Presidency Magistrate, who, in November last, convicted the appellant of abetment of the offence of cheating, and thereby dishonestly inducing delivery of 140 bags of rice valued at Rs. 1048; and sentenced him to a year's rigorous imprisonment Mr. D. W. Pilgaumker appeared for the accused.

For the appellant it was urged that he was charged with abetting one Shamjee Pragjee in the commission of the offence of cheating and that he was convicted of the offence in spite of there being no evidence against him. When asked to plead guilty, he did so along with others, being quite ignorant as to whether the facts disclosed in the prosecution constituted an offence by him, and as to the consequences of such a plea he being without legal assistance and a boy of eighteen years. Appellant was merely in the temporary employ of accused No. 1, and had absolutely no knowledge that the other three accused were engaged in the unlawful act of cheating the complainant. It was urged that the Magistrate was wrong in framing the charge against appellant in the absence of any evidence against him; and he was wrong in asking appellant to plead as there was no case made against him by the prosecution.

Mr. Justice Candy, in disposing of the appeal, said: The four accused having pleaded guilty (Section 255), the Magistrate proceeded to take their statements (Section 342). The necessity for such a procedure is not apparent. But the magistrate was quite justified in examining the accused to ascertain what their plea real meant. The statement of accused No. 4 (the appellant) shows that that accused in no way admitted that he had committed the offence charged or any offence. Nor is there anything in the statements of the two witnesses who were examined, which shows that accused No. 4 had any guilty knowledge. Under these circumstances, we reverse the conviction of and sentence passed on accused No. 4, Tulsidas Lukhamsi, and direct him to be acquitted and discharged.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the court to-day.

RE NAOROJI NASSERWANJI SURTI.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, for the insolvent, applied for and was granted three months' extension of the interim order.

RE MOTILAL BHOGILAL.

Mr. D. D. Dawar, for a creditor, moved for a week's adjournment of the hearing of the matter. He said the creditors were residents of Germany and had not sufficient time to call their witnesses. The insolvent who appeared in person, consenting to the adjournment, his lordship granted Mr. Dawar's application.

RE HASSAM OOMAR.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, moved absolute a rule granted under section 87 of the Insolvency Act entering up satisfaction.

There being no opposition, the rule was made absolute.

RE MAHMUD MEHDI THARIA TOPAN.

Mr. Raikes for the insolvent, applied for and obtained leave to serve notices and to amend the schedule.

RE SEETARAM SAVALIA.

Mr. Lowndes, on behalf of the Hindustan Spinning and Weaving Company, moved for the adjudication of the insolvent. He said that the insolvent had agreed with the Company to supply labour during the plague time. He had been sued for breach of that agreement, and a decree was passed in favour of the Company. The decree was executed and insolvent called upon to show cause why he should not be arrested. The matter was heard by the Chief Justice in chambers, and when the insolvent stated he was not in a position to pay the amount of the decree, His Lordship advised him to file his petition and schedule, which he undertook to do within a week. The insolvent was arrested in pursuance of the decree, and hence the present application was made for his adjudication. His Lordship passed the necessary order.

RE JANARDHAN MAHADEV.

Mr. Kothare, for the insolvent, applied for and was granted an extension of the interim order.

RE NARBLESHANKER SURIYASHANKER.

Mr. Dawar, for the insolvent, applied for an interim order. The application was opposed by Mr. Raikes, on behalf of a creditor. On the insolvent undertaking not to leave the jurisdiction of the Court, he was granted a fortnight's interim order the creditor undertaking not to arrest the insolvent and the latter agreeing to make his father and brothers parties to the schedule.

RE RAMCHANDER GUNESH

Mr. Bhandarkar, for the insolvent obtained an extension of the interim order.

RE BALKISONDAS THAKARDAS AND OTHERS.

Mr. Rivett-Carnac, on behalf of certain creditors, appeared to argue against a rule granted on the 12th December last, calling upon the petitioning creditors to show cause why the adjudication order should not be revoked. Mr. Raikes appeared in support of the rule and Mr. Dawar represented the Official Assignee. After hearing arguments of counsel, his lordship revoked the adjudication order.

RE FRAMJI HOSANGI DARUWALLA.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, was granted a rule *nisi* under section 87 for entering up satisfaction.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents were granted discharges: Naserwanji Nanabhoy Cooper; Cursetji Jewanji Ghailalli; Haridas Makanji Joshi; Goupal Mahadev Vithu Babaji and another; Vaman Harichand Dadaji and another; and Makund Morobu Patel.

THERE is an impression in Calcutta, but merely a surmise, that an announcement will be made in a few days as to the permanent succession to the Commander-in-Chief in India. Possibly, the matter may be definitely settled after Lord Roberts has taken over charge at the Horse Guads, which he will be able to do this week or next and it is equally possible that in the shuffle of places either Sir Henry Evelyn Wood or Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke may come to India—the former is supposed to be especially anxious for the appointment. On the other hand, if the belief in Lord Kitchener's lien on the office of Commander-in-Chief in India, referred to by our London correspondent, proves correct, there is evidently no prospect of any immediate change in the existing arrangement Another report, as well founded or baseless as the rest, has it that Sir Arthur Power Palmer is to serve out the remainder or Sir William Lockhart's term—that is till November 1903.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS.—Bhima, a woman, who resides in a room on the second floor of a house at Kamalpoora 2nd Lane, reported to the police on Tuesday that sometime between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock that morning gold ornaments and cash of the collective value of Rs. 411 were stolen from her house A Hindu lad named Gunjia, who used to do odd jobs for the woman has since disappeared.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 36m. Sun sets, 5h. 40m. High water, 2-22m. 2-45s. Low water, 9-26m., 8-3s.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.
Diocesan Sale of Work, Bishop's bungalow, Malabar Hill.
Wilson Philological Lecture, 5 p.m.
Warren's Circus, Hornby Road.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Lochiel entered the dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Aston Hall entered the dock yesterday.

POLO.—The ground will be reserved for polo to-morrow at 4.55 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Kismayu per transport Eliora will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 A. M. on Saturday the 12th Inst.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—A leopard (Felis pardus) has been kindly presented to the Zoological collection by H. H. the Maharaja Holkar of Indore.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.—The business transacted yesterday at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Corporation was not of any public importance.

PRESENTATION PLATE.—Messrs. Lund and Blockley have issued a new catalogue illustrating their stock of handsome presentation plate. It includes cups and trophies suitable for Gymkhana and Sports prizes, as well as plate suitable for wedding and birthday presents. Messrs. Lund and Blockley have a large stock of these articles of which they make a speciality.

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A HABITUAL OFFENDER.—At the Mazagon Police Court, to-day, Ebrahim Hoosein alias Kaka Malabari, a notorious character, was charged by Inspector Gannon, before Mr. W. Webb with being a habitual offender. The Magistrate called upon the accused to shew cause why he should not be bound over for a period of one year in the sum of Rs. 100 with one security for a like amount, to gu

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Thorndale, 1854 tons, Captain W F Lorimer sailed yesterday for Calcutta in ballast.

THE s s Dragoman, 2,214 tons, Captain C Waters, will sail to-day for Genoa and Marseilles with a general cargo.

THE P and O Co's s s Tientsin, 2,555 tons Captain C D Bennett, will sail to-day for China and Japan, with a general cargo.

THE s s Terrier, 1,007 tons, Captain G N Kampjard, will sail to-day for Bangkok, with a general cargo and 8 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's ss Bezwada 3,270 tons Captain F W Peck sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo and duty paid salt.

THE s s Bacoros, 2595 tons, Captain W C Durden will sail to-day for Marmagoa and Rangoon via Calcutta with the same bottom cargo.

THE Hall Line s s Aston Hall, 2,323 tons, Captain C McFee arrived in harbour yesterday, from Liverpool, 11th December with a general cargo.

THE ss Lochiel 1414 tons Captain A Alexander arrived in harbour yesterday, from Glasgow 2nd December via Berkenhead with a general cargo.

THE Wilson Line ss Dido, 3,117 tons, Captain J E Pickering, will sail to-day for Antwerp, with a general cargo and Mr and Mrs Bugess, and three children as passengers.

THE Japan Mail Steam Ship Co's ss Hiroshima Maru, 2,0 5 tons, Captain S Yoshizawa, will sail to-day for China and Japan with a general cargo and 3 cabin and 16 deck passengers.

THE ss St. Irene, 2473 tons Captain W Attree arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 25th December with a cargo of coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs M Mackenzie and Co.

The ss Vauxhall 2346 tons Captain S R Chandler arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 27th December with a cargo of coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs M Mackenzie and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Pemba, 986 tons, Captain P H Martyr, will sail to-day for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers: Lieut. W. R. Dugmore, Lieut R C. Warren, three natives and 50 deck.

THE s s Valentia, 2,111 tons, Captain W Miller, arrived in harbour yesterday from Batoum, 15th December, with a cargo of 30,000 tins an l 1,34,750 cases of kerosine oil, and 4 deck passengers. During the voyage she experienced in latitude 75° N and longitude 56° a strong N-E Gab, and heavy head sea which lasted for 35 hours, thence moderate E-N-E and N-N-E winds to port.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JANUARY 9.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tenasserim		Greet			Receiving Hulk
Magdala		Greet			Turret-ship
Abyssinia		Greet	Wet Basin		Turret-ship
Plassy					Torpedo Catcher
Amaze		Coster			Torpedo Catcher
Clive		Baugh			R I Marine
Culna	1464	Hill			M M & Co
Barawa	234	Jaffer			M M & Co
Sonata	1040	Bamber	P Gulf		M M & Co
Ballarat	2969	Field			P & O Co
Hibernia	15 6	Milne	Antwerp		A Montoeloff
Pemba	986	Martyr			M M & Co
Terrier	1038	Campjard	Bangkok		R S & Co
Marcos	4451	Adams			M M & Co
Valetta	2972	Tillard			P & O Co
Westward Ho	1499	Hill			J M & Co
Turbo	2659	Fairfield			W & A G & Co
Okara	3439	Shildrick			M M & Co
Java	719	McDiarmid			M M & Co
Thorndale	1851	Lorimer			M M & Co
Beeron	2595	Dardin			W & A Graham & Co
Clan Murray	3120	Beer			M M & Co
Parramatta	2854	Symons			P & O Co
Bonidana	2860	McChellord			M M & Co
Sunda	2587	Andrews			P & O Co
Aston Hall	2323	McFee			K N & Co
Valentia	2111	Miller			A Montoeloff
St Irene	2473	Attree			M M & Co
Locniel	1414	Alexander			
Vauxhall	2346	Chandler			M M & Co
Kaogra	1478	Gray			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 9.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Lorenzo	2031	Wieg	Karachi	13-1	F M & Co
C	Dido	3127	Pickering	Antwerp	10-1	F Muir & Co
E	Berk Hall	2737	Peterson	Antwerp	11-1	J Mackintosh
F	Hosaines	994	Hughes	Jedda	16-1	B P S N Co
G	Mozaffari	1348	Baker			B & P S N Co
H	Croydon	2410	Butler	London	19-1	W & A Graham & Co
M	Zamania	2892	Lee	Madras	14-1	M M & Co
O	Dragoman	2214	Waters	Marseilles	10-1	K N & Co
P	Calcoola	3529	Gordon	Aden	19-1	P & O S N Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Premier	51	Esmail			Sheprd & Co
Ponani	551	Fakeer	Bhownager	12-1	Do
Indravati	513	Adum	Mangalore	11-1	Do
Bahaduri	829	Ahmed	G Port	10-1	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agent
3	D Baldino	3044	Brisco	Genoa	15-1	C Boggiano
4	Bormida	1499	Sartorio	Hongkong	17-1	E Delaya
5	Tientsin	2555	Bennett	Japan	10-1	P & O S N Co
6	Clyde	218	Valentini			P & O S N Co
7	Sirdar	2564	Rawlings	Hamburg	6-1	W & A G & Co
8	Hiroshima Maru	Yoshizawa	Japan		10-1	N Kaisha
9	Pekin	2513	Hayward	London	13-1	P & O S N Co
12	Massilia	2496	Leyon	Marseilles	13-1	P & O S N Co
14	Kola	497	Robertson	Karachi	11-1	M M & Co
16	Akbari	1149	Baldwin	Calcutta	8-1	H C Joosub

HARBOUR WALL.

Amra	170	Pigott	Karachi	15-1	M M & Co

MERREWEATHER DRY DOCK.

Ellora	1494	Archdeacon	Kismaya	M M & Co.

* Probable date of departure.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
9	Aston Hall s	McFee	Liverpool, Dec 11.
	Valentia s	Miller	Batoum, Dec 15.
	St Irene s	Attree	Calcutta, Dec 28.
	Lochiels	Alexander	Glasgow, Dec 2.
	Vauxhalls	Chandler	Calcutta, Dec 27.

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
9	Fererie s	White	Calcutta.
	Kohinoor s	Curran	Calcutta, &c.
	Bezwada s	Peck	Calcutta, &c.
	Thorndale s	Lorimer	Calcutta.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Bugeros, Darden, for Mozambique via Rangoon.
" Terrier, Kampzard, for Bangkok.
" Hiroshima Maru, Yoshizawa, for Japan, &c.
" Dragoman Waters, for Genoa and Marseilles.
" Dido Pickering, for Antwerp.
" Pemba Martin for Persian Gulf.
" Tientsin, Bennett, for China, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Sunda, for London, &c.
" Aston Hall for Marseilles, Liverpool, &c.
" Mozaffari, for Persian Gulf, &c.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY CAPTAIN T. A. SAVAGE, COMMANDING B V R.

Bombay 10th January.

1 The Battalion will parade for Drill, under the Adjutant, at the Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 6.45 a.m. on Saturday the 12th instant.

2 Targests will be ready from 7 to 8 a.m, to-morrow (Friday) the 11th instant, at the Revolver Range of the 21st Bombay Infantry (Marine Lines), for all Officers and Sergeants who may wish to practice.

3 There will be Company Drill for F Company at St. Mary's College, Nesbit Road Byculla at 8 15 p.m. on Monday next the 14th instant. All Drills now count towards Company Prizes.

4 The Range at Coorla will be available for Class Firing on Saturday afternoon next the 12th instant. Members are required to take advantage of this to get their Class Firing.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT.-COLONEL LOIUS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 10th January.

1. There will be 10 inch R M L and Squad drill at the Town Hall compound and Nesbit Road Head-quarters to-day at 8-15 p.m.

2. The Range-finding Class will meet at the Byculla Head-quarters to-morrow, at 6-45 a.m., No.'s 1 are requested to each detail a man to attend this Class, and all members desirous of instruction are invited to attend.

3. The Corps will parade on Saturday next 12th instant for 6 inch B L and 10 inch R M L Gun Drill as follows:—No. 1 Company at 4 p.m. sharp at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder and proceed to Colaba North Fort. No. 2 Company at 4-45 p.m. sharp at Scandal Point Mahaluxmi and proceed to Mahaluxmi Fort. Dress: Drill order without arms putties to be worn.

4. A pair horse brake will leave Byculla Bridge for Mahaluxmi Fort on Saturday at 3-50 p.m. to convey members of No. 2 Company to drill. Members residing in the Fort should proceed by Rail to Grant Road Station and thence by gharry.

5. The Proficiency Class will meet at the Corps Club on Friday next 11th instant at 6 45 p.m.

6. There will be a meeting of the Carbine Association Committee to-day at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder, at 6-45 p.m.

7. There will be instruction for Gun Layers at the Town Hall compound to-morrow morning at 6-45 a.m.

By order,
G. STODDARD, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT—January 8.

12 p.m.	70·9

WEDNESDAY—January 9.

1 a.m.	69·9
2 a.m.	72·1
3 p.m.	76·1
6 p.m.	75·3

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GILLMON—December 29, at Dhaipal, Sirhind Canal, the wife of J W Gillmon, P W Department, of a son.
MARSHALL—December 23, at Dehra, N-W P, the wife of Louis Marshall, I C S, of a son.
PATERSON—January 6, at Mirzapur, the wife of G A Paterson, I C S of a son.
WATERFIELD—December 24, at Indore C I, the wife of H G Waterfield, Punjab Police and Thagi and Dacoity Department, C I, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

DAS—December 23, at the General Hospital Madras, Lala Balamukunda Das of the Administrator General's Office and eldest son of the late Lala Shanumkharan, aged 31 years.
KIRWAN—December, 23, at Bulandshahr N W P, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Kirwan aged eleven day (R I P).
PHAURE—January 4, at Pondicherry. Augustus Phaure Accountant Savanah Mills aged 50 years and 6 months.
RAINEY.—January 3, at Rainey Villa, Khula, Henry James Rainey, son of the late W H S Rainey, of H M's 3rd Buffs and beloved brother of J Rudd Rainey, aged 58 years 11 months and 8 days

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1901.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER INTERPOSES.

WE shall hear an outburst of indignation at the action of the Dowager-Empress of China in regard to the Imperial Note in reply to the Powers. The Chinese plenipotentiaries a few days ago were instructed to agree to the terms demanded by the Ministers, but to try and get better terms with regard to one or two points which were matters of sentiment rather than of real importance. But now "important conditions" are to be modified and notwithstanding the protests of her Imperial Majesty's representatives the Dowager-Empress will not permit them to sign the reply to the Joint Note. It was the signature of the Chinese Note, not, as Reuter said on Sunday, of the Joint Note that the Ministers demanded. Circumlocution is Chinese politeness and even if it were not, who can censure the imperial old lady emulating the Ministers in their dilatoriness. They took months to formulate a preliminary Note. Her Majesty only required hours to draft her reply. And if any lady is permitted to change her mind surely the Empress-Dowager may be permitted as great latitude. She is no more culpable on this account than the Powers. She may desire and must be granted such time as is consistent with celestial imperial dignity. Meanwhile Count Waldersee acts with discretion and more politeness than he showed to General Chaffee in refusing to comply with the request of Prince Ching to cease operations during the negotiations. If he consented to any such proposal those negotiations would extend to the crack of doom. No matter how they may be prolonged the terms will practically remain unaltered, though a movement in favour of some modifications is evident from the offers and suggestions of America. Yesterday we learnt from a despatch from Washington of a proposal to the Powers to transfer the negotiations with China from Pekiug to Washington. The idea has already been mooted and probably it would be an advantage if the multitude of counsellors could be thinned down. But unless the matter be taken out of the hands of the Peking Ministers and placed in the hands of an arbitrator or arbitrators, the mere transfer of the seat of the Conference would avail little. The Ministers of the various Powers at Washington are not necessarily possessed of more statesmanly ability than those at Peking. Nor are they less likely to come to diplomatic loggerheads.

If America's suggestion means anything it is an invitation to the Powers to leave the matter in their hands and they will see fair play. But the United States, in regard to the China negotiations, has taken up not one, but many attitudes. By latest advices from Washington, Mr. Hay and Lord Pauncefote had been discussing the matter during the Christmas holidays—wonderful efficacy the festive season has in correcting mental obliquities—and they discovered that instead of differing regarding the situation they thought exactly alike. Indeed the unanimity of the statesmen of the two countries on this subject was remarkable. Great Britain, wired a Washington correspondent, "is in complete accord with the policy of the United States, as shown in the latest Peking negotiations and in the exchange of views which has taken place between Mr. Hay and Lord Pauncefote." And he gives his journal the further assurance that the United States Government itself has "taken every precaution in making its contribution to the Agreement to ensure the binding force of that arrangement and at no point has Great Britain sought to go beyond the State Department in the suggested terminology of the Agreement." This sudden discovery may not tend to raise America in the eyes of the other Powers And we fear the offer will neither be regarded as tempting nor be appreciated; for so far none of the Powers interested has expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of the negotiations so far as its own representative's contribution thereto is concerned. The negotiations are likely to drag their dreary length in their own dreary way and the good offices of the United States, so disinterestedly offered, are not likely to accelerate the pace. Indeed America is losing her reputation for "slickness" and her proposals and suggestions admittedly made in good faith, serve only to retard progress. Does any one suppose that this last suggestion of an international Congress to be held at Washington or any other capital is calculated to have a wholesome effect on Chinese plenipotentiaries? Had the object of the proposal been merely the discussion of Commercial Treaties it would have received more patient consideration. But the suggestion that it shall consider the amount of the Chinese indemnity will afford sufficient justification to the Chinese to continue marking time on their own ground.

The terms proposed by the Powers and accepted by Prince Ching and his colleagues are sufficient. Their general acceptance by the Emperor was confirmed and omitting the demand for the execution of high officials, they are thus given by the "Times" 1 An indemnity of 700,000,000 taels, payable in 60 years and guaranteed on the "likin" revenues. 2. A suitable monument to be erected in Peking to the memory of the late Baron von Ketteler. 3. An Imperial Prince, a near relative of the Emperor, to go to Berlin. 4. Foreign troops to hold the lines of communication between Ta-ku and Peking. 5. The punishment of the Boxer officials. 6. Candidates from places where foreigners have been maltreated not to be allowed to compete in the Chinese examinations at Peking for five years. 7. The abolition of the Tsung-li-Yamen. 8. Ministers to have access to the Emperor at all times. 9. The importation of arms and ammunition to be abolished. 10. The land and sea forts between Shanhai-kwan, Ta-ku, and Peking to be destroyed. The most expeditious procedure would appear to be to take the Emperor at his word, as the Envoys apparently wish, and if the Emperor is not the head of the state, let him be established in that position. Unfortunately no one is quite sure who is monarch in China. The Dowager-Empress deposed the Emperor. When she was in difficulties she set him up again and now report comes that she has superseded him by creating a new emperor in the place of Kuang Hsu. This report, though unconfirmed, is widely credited in China and a native correspondent of "the North China Daily News" declares that a general rebellion is threatened, the only way to prevent this, being for the Powers to put Prince Ch'un on the throne. It is taken for granted that if this were done so soon as Kuang Hsu reached Peking, Ch'un would abdicate in his favour. Only this, declares the correspondent, will pacify the Empire at large. The youth who is said to have been placed on the throne is intimately related to Prince Ching and his enthronement is attributed to the machinations of Li Hung Chang. An important point to be considered in view of the interposition of the Dowager-Empress is which of the three is head of the state and who is the proper person to direct the Plenipotentiaries. The Japanese plan to decide this difficult problem has originality if not practical wisdom to recommend it. It assumes as incontrovertible that all attempts to come to a satisfactory arrangement with the present Government of China must prove fruitless, in as much as the Court is in the power of men whose interests are opposed to any settlement of a moderate or liberal character. Further that there is not the slightest chance of the Court's returning to Peking. That being beyond doubt in Japanese minds the only thing remaining is to set up in Peking a Government with Ching as Emperor and a cabinet of other progressive statesmen. Under a joint guarantee from the Powers some Japanese statesmen and journals are firm in the conviction that such a Government would be successful. But would the Powers give that guarantee? We imagine they desire to wash their hands of China and of Chinese affairs as speedily as possible and that as soon as they reasonably can they will withdraw their troops excepting only the few required for Legation guard. But the Dowager-Empress stands in the way.

RAIDS ON THE MAILS.

In the annual report of the Indian Post Office to which we referred the other day, there is a conglomerate section with the uninviting heading of "miscellaneous." It is, however, the most interesting section of the record, for it deals with the difficulties which have to be met in carrying on the work of the Post Office in this country. Besides the natural foolishness of a large number of the public, which is not the least cause of trouble to the department, there is the dishonesty of postal and other servants to be fought against and more serious still, there is the danger which besets the carriage of the mails in wild and remote districts. Last year, throughout India, there were fifty-six cases of plundering of the mails by highway robbers, by far the larger number being in British territory. In the previous year there were thirty such cases. In the Bombay Presidency, these offences rose from four to eleven, the increase being set down to famine. There is little romance or gentlemanly feeling about the robber who holds up the mails in India, for in more than half the cases, last year, the carriers were severely maltreated. We hear nothing of an Indian Claude Duval or other chivalrous knight of the road, and possibly the circumstances are against developing such. In three instances, during the past year, the mail-bearers were killed and in twenty-two other cases they were seriously wounded, one other death which subsequently occurred being the result of the injuries so received. Of some of these attacks an account is given in the report. In June 1899, while a native of India was carrying parcel mails in the Southern Shan States of Burma he was cut down from behind by a Shan. The mail bags were afterwards found near by, some of the parcels having been cut open and rifled. The carrier recovered from his wounds and his assailant was later on arrested and imprisoned for seven years. In the Soupur State, in the Central Provinces, the dead body of a mail runner was found in a nullah. He had been murdered with the axe which he himself carried, but only one of the letter bags had been opened. In the Rangpur District of Bengal, a carrier was way-laid by a gang of robbers, his throat cut from ear to ear, and his body thrown beside the railway line. The robbers carried off money but left the letters. Five men were arrested for this deed and all were convicted, two of them receiving the death sentence. A body of Pathans attacked the mail carrier and his escort of sowars in the territory of the Nawab of Dir in November 1899. The escort after having one of their number killed and another wounded, left the mails to the mercy of the Pathans, but the robbers after seizing a rifle decamped without opening the bags. Besides the number of cases of actual highway robberies there were seven unsuccessful attempts but in these instances the raiders were driven off. In one of these attacks, which also occurred in the territory of the Nawab of Dir, one of the escort was shot dead and another was wounded, as in the case just mentioned. Other dangers of the way have to be encountered by the mail carriers, but for the first time for some years no carrier, or runner met his death last year by the attacks of wild beasts. But accidents by flood and field were numerous. In Assam a carrier while crossing an unprotected bridge fell into the stream and was drowned, and an employe of the Dacca Post Office lost his life by the capsizing of his boat in a squall while he was crossing a river. A mail rider on the way from Robat Killa to Amerchah in the Chageh district of Baluchistan perished in the desert of thirst. There were several accidents attending the conveyance of the mails to Gilgit and Chitral. Twelve months ago three carriers were swept away by an avalanche on the Barzil Pass on the Gilgit Road. One of them lost his life, but the other two were extricated and the letter bags were recovered. A few weeks later, another man was overwhelmed by an avalanche on the same road, but though he perished, the mails were dug out. On the Lowari Pass on the Chitral road, a mail carrier was killed in April 1899, and in the following November a number of runners while trying to cross this Pass were buried under an avalanche They were, however, all rescued along with the mails. This does not exhaust the catalogue of accidents during the year, for in March last, the special train with the inward foreign mails was wrecked on the East Indian Railway, though fortunately no lives were lost. Fifteen Post Offices were destroyed by fire, one was blown down by a hurricane, and another was washed away by a flood. One of the cases of fire was at Pinebu in Burma, where the office was burnt down by the postman, instigated by the postmaster, a Burman, in order to conceal the thefts of both. They were convicted and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

CENTRAL PROVINCES MUNICIPALITIES.

In the report on Municipal Administration of the Central Provinces there is a lengthy reference to octroi taxation, which is the chief source of income in Municipal finance. The cost of collection is extravagantly high, and if this form of taxation is to be maintained there must be an improvement. It is suggested that in some parts there has been taxation on through trade, but the Commissioner is of opinion that the practice is rarely indulged in. The question of the rate at which octroi should be levied on articles liable to sea-customs duty has been considered, and a report has been submitted to the Government of India. At Garhakota the question of abolishing octroi was raised by the villagers themselves, and the subject of reducing the number of articles on which octroi is levied is still under the consideration of Municipal Committees. In small places where octroi is not an appropriate form of taxation those people occupying houses, buildings or lands within Municipal limits have to pay a sum based on the estimated rental value of the property. There are 52 Municipalities, but not a few of the places which boast a Municipality are mere agricultural villages, in some of which its maintenance is scarcely justifiable. At one time the application of the Municipal Act afforded the only available machinery for the maintenance of a settled scheme of village administration, but now the provisions of the Village Sanitation Act and the rules under the Land Revenue Act afford simpler and less costly means of arriving at the desired end. The disastrous year has further increased the liability of the Municipalities, and the finances of each indebted body have been examined. This is a most difficult question to deal with; it is only the minority which can make the repayments without difficulty, while in regard to many others, it will be necessary to increase taxation to meet liabilities.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The programme for the annual meeting of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association has just been issued, and apparently includes a larger number of competitions than have been held at previous meetings. The War in South Africa has demonstrated that unless soldiers are skilled in musketry and able to make good practice, their value as fighting men is considerably lessened, and it is probably with a view to stimulate greater efficiency amongst British and Native soldiers, sailors and volunteers that the competitions have been enlarged. The chief event for British soldiers is the Commander-in-Chief's prize which is awarded to the team making the highest number of points at annual meetings of the Rifle Associations of Bengal, Punjab, Southern India, Bombay, Hyderabad, Burma, Sind and Baluchistan. Another match which will evoke great interest is that of the army versus Volunteers, and the Gillespie Memorial Cup and Napier Challenge Shield will also secure good entries. The Commander-in-Chief also gives another silver cup for competition among native teams, who also have offered to them the Prince of Wales' Prize for individual merit. There are also a number of practical team matches for British and Native soldiers, practical individual contests and special matches. In all, the annual meeting at Poona this year promises to be a success.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD NORTHCOTE accompanied by her Excellency Lady Northcote, the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Jersey, the Countess of Jersey, the Lady Beatrice Villiers, Col. Richard Owen, Military Secretary, Mr. C. H. Hill, I.C.S., Private Secretary, Col. A. E. J. Croly, R.A.M.C., Medical Officer and Captain J. G. Greig, Aide-de-Camp, left Bombay yesterday by the 8 A.M. train from the Victoria Terminus for Nasik. The Departure was private his Excellency returns to Bombay on Friday afternoon by the Jubbulpore mail.

THE Directors of the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation, Limited, have recommended at their meeting to-day the payment of a final dividend of 18 per cent., making a total distribution of 30 per cent for the year ending 31st May 1900.

MESSRS. Raja Deen Dayal & Sons, Photographic artists, who were specially commissioned by His Excellency the Viceroy to accompany him during his recent tour for the purpose of compiling a pictorial record of memorable incidents occurring during his travels, have just concluded their work. The photographs, which were taken by Raja Gyan Chandra, have been made up in the form of an album; they are beautifully taken, and the compendium throughout is very artistic.

The departure and return of the Lieutenant-General Commanding will be private. Two salutes of 15 guns will be fired from the Saluting Battery one at 1-30 p. m., on Saturday, the 19th instant, and the other on arrival of the P. and O. mail steamer on Saturday, the 2nd February next.

A RANGOON telegram of Tuesday says Sir Edward Symes, Chief Secretary to the Government of Burmah, who recently returned from sick leave, shot himself with a revolver this afternoon in a ticca-gharry on his way home from office. He was conveyed to the hospital, and is still lingering although there is very little hope of his recovery.

WHAT might have proved a very serious accident occurred on the Gold Fields Railway line at the Balaghat station. The engine of the passenger train while shunting derailed two waggons, and while attention was rivetted to this a train from Bowringpett coming down a steep dip dashed against the passenger train, and caused much damage to the rolling stock. Fortunately almost all the passengers jumped out unhurt, except a few third class passengers who sustained slight injuries.

THE plague appears to have caused much anxiety to officers of the Postal Department, especially in the Bombay Circle, where no fewer than 187 servants of the Post Office died of the epidemic last official year. The Director-General sanctioned the payment of special rewards to a number of postmen and others for their courageous behaviour in carrying out their duty at various places where the epidemic was at its height.

WE regret to hear that a death from plague has occurred at Ghazipur. The victim, a young European girl, named Elsie Williamson, had been spending the Christmas holiday at Patna with her brother, and on returning to Ghazipur on the 30th complained of feeling ill. The Civil Surgeon being called in, pronounced the case to be plague, and in spite of every attention the patient sank. The deceased was a daughter of an old Mutiny soldier, who himself fell a victim to the cholera outbreak at Ghazipur some fifteen months ago.

GOLF AND GOLFERS.

NOTES FROM THE LINKS.

FOLLOWING on the news of the death of Willie Campbell comes the sad intelligence of the fatal accident to young Tom Hutchinson, one of the most promising of the younger school of St. Andrews professionals. His death is all the more sad for this reason, that, whereas Campbell, although passing away a comparatively young man—in fact, at an age when many of his brother professionals may be considered to be barely past their prime—could be ruthly reckoned to have run his course as a player. Hutchinson was but at the dawn of a career that some of his past form suggested would be really brilliant. He will chiefly be remembered for his fine performance on the occasion of the big open meeting at Carnoustie in the autumn of 1898—a tournament which may be said to have for once and all set the seal of fame on the name of Harry Vardon.

Great as was the victory of the latter, it is an open question as to whether the performance of the young and untried St. Andrews lad was not as interesting and notable as the success of the American champion. It was a creditable feat to qualify for inclusion in the select eight in the preliminary score play, particularly considering the exceptional strength of the field; but the achievement of defeating Herd by the substantial majority of four up and three to play and of running the present champion to the last hole in a match in which some of the best golf of the meeting was displayed—he was robbed of the chance of a halved match by a stymie which he failed to negotiate on the seventeenth green—was more than creditable. Indeed, it was a brilliant debut for so young a golfer, and gave promise of the possibility of the waning glories of St. Andrews professional golf being revived in the near future. Following [illegible] success Hutchinson was once again in the prize list at the Elie tournament, which immediately succeeded that at Carnoustie, and, although his subsequent performances in the land of his birth were comparatively disappointing, his form in America during his short sojourn there, particularly in match play, indicated that he might eventually redeem the promise of his brave show at Carnoustie in 1898.

English golf, and the Mid-Surrey Club in particular, will lose a very capable exponent of the game when Mr. S. H. Fry leaves these shores for Australia in the early part of next month. Mr. Fry is one of the most remarkable examples of a player who commencing to play the game comparatively late in life almost immediately attained a great measure of success. In fact it may safely be said that no other golfer living has played a first-class game quite so readily as did Mr. Fry. To this his success in the annual competition for the "Don Memorial" trophy some twelve months after he first handled a golf club amply testifies. Time after time he has secured the scratch awards of the Mid-Surrey Club, his most recent success being at the autumn meeting of the club a month or so back; whilst in open competition he has always proved a difficult opponent for even the leading lights to beat. This Mr. Graham found at Sandwich this year, just as did Mr. S. Mure Fergusson at Hoylake in 1898, and even Mr. Tait at Prestwick in 1899, the year of Mr. Ball's great triumph. Few who witnessed the memorable encounter between Mr. Tait and Mr. Fry will forget the sensational manner in which the latter ran down several phenomenally long putts at a critical juncture, and thus brought a match which at one time seemed hopeless to a close finish.

It was when in difficulties, however, that Mr. Fry was always seen at his best, while it might truly be said that he was never beaten. The more hopeless the position the more likely he is to supply a sensational piece of play. Always a good putter, he has the inestimable virtue of invariably giving the hole a chance, and the well-known truism "never up never in" is apparently never realised by any player more than it is by Mr. Fry. In fact, he has a habit of what may be termed "bolting" his putts—particularly the short ones. If the practice occasionally ends in disaster and the ball jumps out of the hole on the far side, it is nevertheless an excellent principle to work upon as Mr. Fry's opponents have found to their cost in the past. At one time during his career Mr. Fry had the reputation of driving a long ball, but during the last year or two the length seemed to have left him somewhat. Fortunately, however, he is a player who does not mind being outdriven; he plays his own game, irrespective of what his opponent is doing, and it is this trait in his golfing character that makes him such a difficult man to shake off. The embodiment of nerve and pluck, he will be a distinct loss to golf in this country, and should prove a great gain to the game down under.

Writing in reference to the Christmas holidays, a contributor to a golfing column says:—

"It has to be borne in mind that your average public schoolboy is a bit of a sceptic as to his father's athletic prowess, and though always open to conviction—and once convinced he is your most redoubtable champion,—yet he is quite easily confirmed in his scepticism. To take him up to the club and palm him off upon another member is to make him the most uncompromising critic you can have at your breakfast table; however honest you may have been, he suspects evasion and lack of self-confidence, and he calls it funk. You have, then, to play with him yourself; it is not only politic, it is in accordance with his views of parental duty. Who, then, to the long-handicap father who is even a little off his game! Not that the boy will inevitably beat him; the boy in his school eleven and fifteen has a suppleness of limb and steadiness of eye that are an enviably long start in golf, but with all this, the odds are in favor of the father of moderate practice. The danger is that having witnessed your topping and slicing and wretched putting, he will, in spite of your sincere protests go home with a conviction that you have signally failed in what is the father's game 'par excellence.' Of this comes contempt—an athletic sort of contempt, if you will, but that is only to designate the most pungent mental attitude that the schoolboy adopts,—and then the nurtured confidence of the home is undermined.

"It is well, then, without over-anxiety to be careful that you are somewhere about what you consider your "form" when the boy comes back. The other danger—that he may take to golf himself—is not so great as might appear. You may increase it by making the game seem really attractive to him, but, on the whole, your level-headed, honest schoolboy is proof against this. He knows a good game when he sees one, and he realises, perhaps more fully than we do, that golf is not primarily a boy's game. The keen golfing father who would like to see his son amateur champion is terribly tempted to begin making him one while the limbs are supple and grace is natural; and there is from a golfing point of view a good deal to be said for him. There is no doubt that the boy who plays golf from his nursery days, other things being equal, runs a fair chance of playing golf really well when he is a man. I have little doubt that the boy who begins to smoke in his early youth and persists in the habit will by the time he is forty smoke quite well

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

ANOTHER HITCH AT PEKING.

LONDON, JAN. 9.

There is a hitch at Peking, the Chinese Envoys having received an Edict forbidding them to sign the note until important conditions are modified.

The Envoys have communicated with the Empress deprecating the Edict and urging the impropriety of withdrawing from the original acceptance of the note.

COUNT WALDERSEE REFUSES TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS.

Count Waldersee has refused to comply with the request of Prince Ching to cease operations during the negotiations.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

Eleven identical protocols representing each power were handed to the Chinese Envoys at Pekin on Monday for signature and affixing the Imperial seal.

A PROPOSAL FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The United States Government has proposed an International Congress to be held at Washington or any other capital to consider the amount of the Chinese indemnity and also the question of Commercial Treaties.

CASUALTIES IN CHINA.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 8.

A telegram has been received from China reporting the following deaths :—

At Tientsin, on the 24th December, No. 2096 Private Karim Khan, 1st Madras Pioneers.

At Tientsin, from pneumonia, on the 21st December, Langri Dargasi, 1st Bengal Lancers.

At Tientsin, from asthma, on the 17th December, No. 436 Kabar Santo, No. 57 Native Field Hospital.

At Tientsin, of pneumonia, on the 16th December, No. 1036, Mandalay Mulsteer Nizam Din, attached to the obligatory transport of C. and D. sections, No. 58 Native Field Hospital.

At Tientsin, from bronchitis, on the 26th December, No. 1150 Private Niazall Shah, Hongkong Regiment.

At Tientsin, from fever, on the 24th December, No. 2048 Matecooly Hassan Shah.

At Tientsin, from pectoritis, on the 27th November, No. 18 Muleteer Aygeya Ram.

At Tientsin, from pneumonia, on the 12th December, Commissariat Department.

At Shanghai, from pneumonia, on the 27th December, No. 373 Private Imamdin, 3rd Baluchis.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NATIVE REGIMENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

ENGAGEMENT NEAR PIQUETBERG.

LONDON, 9.

The Hon. Mr. Brodrick is corresponding with the India Office with a view to raising five native regiments in India for garrison duty in certain colonies.

It is rumoured at Capetown that the volunteers have been engaged with the enemy near Piquetberg.

A Boer Commando has looted cattle from a Kraal guarded by Yeomanry, seven miles from Kimberly.

"ONS LAND."

The Capetown correspondent of the "Standard" gives the following information regarding the offences of the Editor of "Ons Land" whose arrest was reported yesterday :—"It goes without saying, of course, that with a campaign of sedition in hand the leading organ of the Bond throws itself into the work with a will. 'Ons Land' publishes daily the most fantastic accounts of events which are alleged to have taken place during the war. A day or two ago it published a remarkable fabrication in regard to General French, to the effect that the General had ordered a battery of five guns to be directed against a homestead where a number of Boer women and children had taken refuge, and when a simple gunner directed his attention to the fact that there were women in the homestead the General is reported to have remarked, "I don't care ; shoot the beggars ; Afrikanderdom must be swept off the face of the earth. Thereupon,' continues 'Ons Land,' 'the battery opened fire on the homestead containing the women and children.' The same journal also gives out, 'the recruiting of Volunteers for the respective Colonial Corps is still going on, and it is an everyday thing to see coloured people in khaki in the streets of Capetown. 'Ons Land' forbears to state what it perfectly well knows—that the coloured people in khaki are muleteers and drivers, who have no hand in the fighting whatever."

THE FAMINE COMMISSION AT NAGPUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NAGPUR, JAN. 9.

The Famine Commission arrived here by special train at 4-16 p.m., to-day. The President of the Commission, Sir Anthony McDonnell, was met at the station platform by the Chief Commissioner, two Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Secretary to the Commissioner, the Inspector-General of Police, District Superintendent of Police, Deputy Comptroller of Post Offices, Deputy Post-master-General, Senior Civil Judge, Raja Bhonslay's family, the the Honourable Mr. Chitnavis, Judge Bhargawrao, and many other European and Native gentlemen All the Commissioners met at Lucknow and came here direct. They hold their first sitting to-morrow in the Law Courts. The President on alighting from his saloon shook hands with the Honourable Mr. Fraser, Chief Commissioner, who introduced the Raja, and the officials and native gentlemen present. The guard of honour supplied by the Native Volunteer Rifles presented arms the band playing the National Anthem. The President inspected the guard and expressed his satisfaction at their smart appearance. The guard was commanded by Lieutenant Hubbard. Formalities being over the party drove off to Government House. The Sentabuldee Hill Fort fired the usual salute. The police arrangements were excellent, the roads being lined on both sides from the station to Government House by the local Police. Vehicular traffic in the meantime was suspended.

MURDER OF AN OFFICER.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 9.

Captain Johnston, I. M. S., Civil Surgeon, Loralai, was murdered this morning by a fanatic in the Loralai Bazar.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TOUR.

The Commander-in-Chief left to-night on tour

CONGRATULATORY MEETING AT SHOLAPORE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

A public meeting consisting of more than two thousand people was held here this evening under the auspices of the Snehaprasarak Mandali to congratulate Shrimant Appa Saheb Warad on his being honoured with the title of Rao Saheb. Among those present were Messrs Maconochie, the popular Collector of Sholapur, Mr. P. E. Percival, Mr. Veerchand Deepchand, C.I.E. and all the merchants of Sholapur. An address of congratulation on behalf of the Snehaprasarak Mandali was read by Mr. Hirachand Nemchand, Hon. Magistrate, and handed over to Rao Saheb Warad. Congratulatory speeches extolling the merits and philanthropy of the Rao Saheb were made by Messrs S. C. Hosali, barrister at-law, on behalf of the Lingayat Community and Chapalgi and Dr. Ranade. The meeting closed with a graceful speech in Maratni by our popular Collector. Three cheers were given for the Queen Empress at the close of the proceedings. The whole meeting stood up and threw flowers over Mr. Maconochie and Rao Saheb Warad. The meeting closed with a display of fireworks.

MILITARY NEWS.

RELIEF FOR CENTRAL AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 8.

Instructions have been issued for he selection and despatch to Central Africa of 160 Sikhs to relieve the force now serving there. The men selected will be seconded for three years and will leave India in time to reach the Protectorate by July next, the relieved force arriving in India in October. Captain Money-Chewaure is posted to Quetta.

Major Lyons, V. C., 1st Royal Fusiliers, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel to command the 1st Bedfordshire Regiment at Multan.

Mr. R. Baller Hughes, First Assistant to the Governor General's Agent in Baluchistan, has been granted furlough for one year, from the 15th instant.

The issue of howitzers from the Rangoon Arsenal has been sanctioned for the time being to Maymyo and Meiktila, the local Government providing funds or the ammunition required at Maymyo until such time as a battery may be located there.

The following appointments have been made :—

Lieutenant Ottley, from the 17th Madras Infantry to the 23rd Punjab Pioneers, as officiating Double Company Officer.

Lieutenant Lyall, from the 32nd to the 34th Punjab Pioneers, as officiating Double Company Officer.

Lieutenant Giles, from the Shropshire L. I. to the 5th Bombay Cavalry, as officiating Squadron Officer.

2nd-Lieutenant Stigand from the Royal West Kent Regiment, to the 19th Bombay Infantry, as officiating Double Company Officer.

Lieutenant Lorimer, from the Corps of Guides to the Khyber Rifles.

Lieutenant Cassels, 1st Punjab Cavalry has been appointed Squadron Officer, 2nd Bombay Lancers.

Lieutenant Whitchurch 15th Madras Infantry, goes to the 1st Punjab Cavalay as officitting Squadron Officer.

Lieutenant Hilton, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Wallis, Cameronians and Younghusband Bedfordshire Regiment have been selected for employment with the Somalil nd Field Force.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burn, Commandant 4th Madras Infantry, is granted an extension of the command for two years to enable him to complete his 32 years for pension.

Major A. M. Davies, R. A. M. C., retains his appointment of Special Sanitary Inspector till March 31st.

Owing to the small number of officers in the Military Accounts Department available for duty, Captain Field will probable be recalled from China.

Lieutenant Neill, Royal Scots and Major Saunders Durham Light Infantry, have been ordered to proceed to England and South Africa respectively.

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, are to be supplied with the "Wolseley" pattern helmet as an experimental measure.

ABOUT 20,000 MEN WILL, IT IS COMPUTED, have to be sent home as soon as the orders detaining them in India are removed.

Lieutenant Crawford, Adjusant Governor's Bond guard, Bombay, has been granted three months extension of leave at home,

Lieutenant Colonel Phillips, Commandant 19th Bombay Infantry, has been granted two months extension of leave and Captin Parsons, 3rd Bombay Cavalry, is permitted to return.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, JAN. 8.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Sumatra, arrived here this morning.

ADEN, JAN. 9.

The B I S N Co's steamer Duke of Portland left here this morning at 8-50 a.m.

Florio and Rubattino S N Company's s s Nilo left Aden for Bombay on the 9th instant at 9 a.m. and expected to arrive in Bombay early morning of the 15th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's ss India from Trieste sailed from Aden on the evening of the 8th instant for Calcutta via Karachi.

The Austrian Lloyd's s s Gisela from Japan to Trieste left Penang for Bombay on the afternoon of the 8th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 8.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhownuggur 4 10-32
The Manchester market has been quiet.
2 3-4 per cent. Consols 97 1-4
3 per cent. Rentes 102
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan 108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers 83 5-8
Bar Silver 29 1-2
The sum of about £125,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Tientsin to the "N.-C. Daily News":—"A very pathetic sight is the foreign cemetery with its little grave mounds, surmounted in many cases by rude crosses with inscriptions written or printed with a pen by loyal comrades anwilling that their friends should be forgotten. The writer saw the sale of some of the personal effects of Captain Bruce, an English officer of one of the Sikh regiments, who had died of fever in the hospital. Trunks, bedding, scissors, harness and a few odd paper backed French novels, &c., comprised the meagre show, and were eagerly bought up by a number of other soldiers and civilians at good prices. One's comments on the vanity of life and the bubble of military glory reduced to such a pitiable fiasco are enhanced by seeing the mound in the cemetery where this officer lies surmounted by a rough cross of wood inscribed in indifferent handwriting, evidently by a Sikh servant, to 'Captain Bruce.' Possibly his name may be forgotten by all but the home circle and sorrowing friends and relatives, and thus ends the high hopes of one of Britain's soldier sons."

SHEPHERD'S FERRY SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Following on a notice that appeared in the papers to the effect that the Collector of Kolaba had come to an agreement with Messrs. Shepherd and Co. whereby the ferry service across the harbour should not be interrupted, comes the sudden solid fact that the said ferries are no longer plying. Those who have had occasion to go themselves or to send goods across the harbour since that time have also been unpleasantly surprised at the effect that this action has had upon the native craft. The tribe of boatmen, though keen enough on cutting into the steamer company's monopoly, have been keener still to see the advantages derivable from having that monopoly in their own hands ; and the fact that the long-suffering and fixed-price steamboat had ceased running caused an enhancement of rates which it is impossible to view as the result of a reasonable policy on the part of Government. It reduces the position of the Company to that of a competitor against native craft and renders their Government contract ridiculous. For if the wording of their contract had any meaning at all, surely it could be none other than that Messrs. Shepherd & Co. should have some adequate return for their services rendered in carrying mails, prisoners, &c., &c., free of charge. The idea of granting a monopoly was hardly a progressive one, but it was apparently the only one that occurred to the minds of those concerned at the time ; and the steamer fares were so reasonable that native competition was not feared to an extent sufficient to induce the Company to insist on their rights. But with the advent of more or less permanent plague inspection the aspect of the case changed. The preference exhibited by the bulk of the passengers for the examination by a native doctor diverted the stream of traffic to such an extent that the monopoly disappeared. On a protest being made to Government the obviously weak reply is returned that they only contemplated the need of fulfilment of one side of the agreement—the carrying of mails—while their own share—the protection of the ferries—was impossible. The practice of making promises and afterwards repudiating them is not one that begets confidence, and when this repudiation is a direct cause of great inconvenience to a section of the public, it is scarcely justified by the benefits of extortionary powers to boatmen. If the Government could not fulfil their contract on the lines laid down it was plainly incumbent on them to suggest some other means of making good their obligation. Seeing that landing arrangements at several of the ports were absolutely non-existent, it would have been a reasonable suggestion that jetties should be constructed for the use of the steamers. This has always been a crying want especially at Mandva where landing is particularly dangerous and where the making of a landing place would be very simple, owing to the existence of a natural breakwater close by the Pilot's Beacon. In that place a little dredging is all that is necessary to make the steamer's access to the shore perfectly easy, and a considerable revenue might be derived from a one pice toll, which would be gladly paid to escape the ordeal of landing by tony, for which a similar charge is at present made. I venture to think that if this were done, and if the ferries were, in return for this concession, required to run both morning and evening—a frequency none too great in view of the large and increasing traffic with the harbour ports—we should hear very little more about ruinous competion, and the public would be infinitely better served.

A good ferry service and efficient loading accomodation would also be a factor in the solution of the housing problem. There are still Europeans left in Bombay who would rather live in a house than in the human ant-heaps that we politely call flats, and who cannot afford a rent of Rs. 500 for high society and bad sanitation on Malabar Hill. Bandra is far away and quite incapable of supplying the need, while the Salsette coast to the north thereof is cut up by creeks and swamps and is quite inaccessible by railway. Besides it takes nearly an hour to get to Bandra, and an hour's run will land us on that strip of coast running from Mandwa to Alibag, where water is plentiful and pure, building materials handy, and the freshest of sea breezes perennial. A late Lloyds Surveyor (Captain Dixon) who spent some years there in the early sixties was wont to describe this spot as far superior to a hill station, and his testimony has been endorsed by many others who have tried it.

As a building site for bungalows where one might live in health and comfort, it is the best within reach and certainly the most salubrious, and as we are likely, so long as Bombay remains standing, to be in search of health, at times it would be a boon to have the place where we may find it accessible.

When Lord Northcote visited Karachee he remarked on the splendid landing accommodation that had received from the fact that in days gone by officers had had to get carried ashore pig-a-back. Are not the thousands of passengers who visit the harbour ports worthy of some like consideration or must they submit to the dangers and delays of tony service for ever ? Yours, &c.,

A. Y.

THE INCOMING MAIL.

THE P & O Co's s. s. Egypt, Captain G. L. Longborn, which left Aden on Sunday last, and is expected to arrive in Bombay, at 8 a. m. to-morrow brings the following passengers.

Alcock, Miss L
Anderson, Capt A
Anson, Lieut-Col
Agalasto, Mr
Budd, Mr C C
Bocquet, Mr
Brown, Rev J
Bayas, Count and Countess
Barnard, Mr E
Chirman, Mr O K
Cowley, Rev and Mrs H
Campbell, Mrs
Clark, Miss Edith
Cooper Miss J
Chapra, Mr
Cartwright, Mr R
Chidd-Sherk, Mr
Crommeline, Mrs and child
Chilcott, Dr and Mr A E
Chambers, Mr J
Edgell, Mrs F
Freeman, Miss
Fleetwood, Miss A
Foulkes, Mr A
Greig, Mr H H
Grieve, Mr and Mrs J
Gibson, Mr W
Ghorfude, Mr
Gasten, Dr S
Howard, Mrs
Hanan, Mr J
Hill, Mrs F J
Holmes, Miss A
Hodges, Miss K A
Hardy, Mr J H
Hewitt, Mrs and infant
Henshaw, Mr T
Hepburn, Mrs
Jamieson, Lieut R
Kennarsha Harbhaigr, Mr
Khan, Mr A
Lethbridge, Mrs and Infant
Lawson, Mr
Lloyd, Mrs J
Logan, Mr E R
Meville, Mrs Bruce
Mehta, Mr
Massilia, Count
Mason, Mr F
McGowan, Mrs and 2 children
Mulroney, Mrs and Infant
Marshall, Mr Geo
Marshall, Mr H
McCarthy, Mr A C
Maharani of Baroda
Newman, Mr
Passmore Dr
Plaki, Misses
Price, Mrs
Price, 3 Misses
Rushby, Mr and Mrs F
Rennie, Mr F
Rao, Prince J
Rao, Prince S
Roberts, Mr
Rossiter, Mr
Richardson, Miss
Russell, Mr E
Selon, Capt and Mrs Bruce
Steven, Mr and Mrs O O
Sherwen, Mrs and child
Sherwen Mrs and child
Scharlieb, Mrs and child
Shaw, Miss
Sampatra, Mr and Mrs
Salunberao, Mr
Shak, Mr
Thompson, Miss
Tennant, Miss
Thompson, Col
Trevethick, Mr R
Talksin, Prince
Thompson, Miss
Tyhe, Rev
Vanderwall, Miss
Vellenoweth, Miss
Wood, Miss
Walles, Mr and Mrs
Williamson, Mr H
Whitehead, Mr
Yule, Mr and Mrs
Yule, Mr W M

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ADVICE TO MOTHERS !—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeths. Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, slays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere a 1s. 1½d. per bottle

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE STAGE SOCIETY.

50TH PERFORMANCE OF HEROD.

MODEL THEATRE FOR ROME.

LONDON, DEC, 21.

FOR some ten years past there have been sever a attempts, all more or less abortive, to establish private organizations having for their object not only the production of plays of a serious nature, but even the initiation of a permanent subscription theatre in London. The latest attempt is that made by the Stage Society. All last winter, at intervals of about five weeks, the Society gave private performances, and opened its second season on November 14th auspiciously enough, when Mr. Thomas Hardy's "The Three Wayfarers," and Stevenson and Henley's "Macaire" were produced. In the first instance, it had been the promoters' intention, so far as costumes and scenery were concerned, to follow the example of the Elizabethan Stage Society, and to hold the meetings in large studios, which it was hoped members would lend for the purpose. This idea, however, soon gave way to the more ambitious plan of producing plays in theatres, with all the usual accessories, but the Society, not wishing to outgrow its strength, resolved that the number of members should be limited to three hundred, though this rule was cancelled at the end of the first season. In one respect, at least, the Society's intentions were more philanthropic than those of its predecessors. The Committee's object is to give a sort of public reading, so that managers, themselves unable to make experiments, may have an opportunity of seeing the effect of staging certain plays of an unconventional character. The Society, with its regular income, can afford to do this, and hopes in this way to exercise some influence on the Drama in England. It almost appears as if the Committee's ultimate object is the establishment of a permanent Repertory Theatre, and it must be admitted that another season as successful as the last would go far towards the attainment of this end.

For this month's meeting is announced the initial production of an original and as yet unpublished play by George Bernard Shaw. It may be remembered that in the summer of '99 no little amusement was caused by Mr. Shaw's paradoxical assertion that his health had rendered him unfit for work, and that he had therefore employed himself with the writing of plays. One of these plays contained a strong woman's part written with a single eye to Miss Ellen Terry's many abilities, and this it is which the Society will produce towards the end of the present month. The piece—described by the author as "An Adventure in Three Acts," is entitled, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion." The acts take place respectively in a missionary's garden overlooking the harbour of Morocco, in a Moorish villa in the Atlas Mountains, and in the missionary's house, and those versed in Shawisms may perhaps be able to gather some idea of the atmosphere of the play from the fact that it will shortly be published in a volume entitled "The Plays for Puritans." A strong cast will include Mr. Laurence Irving, Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, Mr. Victor Wladicombe, and Miss Janet Achurch, who will play the part of Lady Cecily Waynflete, written, as has been said, for Miss Terry. At the January meeting the bill will be filled by Professor Gilbert Murray's "Andromache," which has recently been brought out in book form by Mr. William Heinemann. It will be remembered that the same author's "Carlyon Sahib" was produced a few months back at the Coronet Theatre by Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and, though well criticised by the Press, failed to make any great impression on the public. It has been rumoured for some time past that "Andromache" was to become part of Mr. Forbes Robertson's repertory, and it is still possible that he may be seen in it, particularly if the play makes the success which the Committee anticipate. In February the Society expect to produce Ibsen's "Lady from the Sea," and this is as far as their definite arrangements extend, but it is hoped that performances will also be given of plays by D'Annunzio, Sudermann, and others before the end of the season.

Among the many members of the Society may be mentioned Mr. William Sharp, the Chairman, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, Mr. Edward Rose, Mr. Thomas Hardy, Mr. Maurice Hewlett, Mr. Alfred Sutro (formerly a director of the New Century Theatre) and Mrs. Flora Annie Steel.

Like the pantomimes, the late Mr. Savile Clarke's musical dream play on the subject of "Alice in Wonderland" seems to have become an established institution at Christmas-tide. Last year, it was given at the Opera Comique Theatre, now in process of demolition. This year it bobs up again at the Vaudeville, where it was reproduced before an audience whose numbers bore testimony to the unfailing charm of Lewis Carroll's immortal story. The hold which the dramatic version has obtained over the playgoing public is, indeed, a striking fact from this point of view, considering that something of the more fanciful characteristics of the narrative evaporate, as it were, upon the stage. However, the little ones, to say nothing of their elders, will be delighted to renew acquaintance in the flesh with the sweet little heroine and her stage companions, the Mock Turtle with the calf's head, the Gryphon, the Mad Hatter, Humpty Dumpty, the Cheshire cat, the Queen of Hearts, and all the rest of them. Miss Ellaline Terriss is the new Alice, and a very captivating Alice, too, although as she is supposed to be little more than a spectator in the weird proceedings, the part naturally affords but slight opportunity for the display of anything more in the way of acting than an easy, graceful, natural manner, such as Miss Terriss has at command. It is otherwise with the Mad Hatter, whom Mr. Seymour Hicks raises to a considerably greater importance than is assigned to him in the story. There is something not only intensely quaint and humorous in Mr. Hicks's conception of the character, but almost impressive at times in its graphic suggestion of a mind deranged. Excellent also are the Mock Turtle of Mr. W. Cheesman and the Gryphon of Mr. Murray King, and the Tweedledum and Tweedledee of the same performers, who achieved last year quite a notable triumph in the same parts. The scenery is sufficiently picturesque, and the dresses quite gorgeous. The King of Hearts and his Court, the chess men, and the strange monsters from sea and land, make up an animated scene that is constantly changing to the accompaniment of Mr. Walter Slaughter's bright and tuneful music. A novel feature of the entertainment, if we mistake not, is the large imitation looking-glass, which is nothing but a sheet of gauze, behind which Alice and one of her companions, who are in front, are impersonated by two characters in identical attire, who imitate their movements. The effect is very curious. A real looking-glass, of course, would reflect the auditory. There is, moreover, a well-known superstition among actors to the effect that a real looking glass upon the stage brings ill-luck, a belief which has induced some scoffer to declare that hence it is that performers so seldom hold the mirror up to nature. The performance is preceded by a little sketch called "A Showman's Story," by Mr. J. C. Buckstone, the chief purpose of which is to present the venerable performance called Punch and Judy for the benefit of the younger members of the audience. In the interval between the two acts of "Alice" a magic lantern entertainment was given, the pictures in which were Mr. Louis Wain's comic cats, and Sir John Tenniel's original illustrations to Lewis Carroll's book. Altogether, the Vaudeville, where two performances daily will be the rule for the present, is a capital place for children during the Christmas holidays.

The 50th performance of Mr. Stephen Phillips's fine play, "Herod," was made the occasion last night, of an encouraging demonstration on the part of a crowded house, eager to express approbation of Mr. Tree's highly successful attempt to raise the tone of our dramatic literature, which, for the last fifty years, has undoubtedly, in the making of mere literary merit, lagged sadly behind that of any other European country. The reluctance of managers to produce poetical plays is possibly less the result of a lack of capable dramatists than the idea that the public does not care for plays in blank verse. Mr. Tree has wisely thought otherwise, and by producing this dignified tragedy with exceptional statelines, has proved, and very satisfactorily, too, that London is ready to give practical appreciation to works which, like "Herod," are as effective upon the stage as they are readable in the library. So much has been written concerning the merits of Mr. Philips's play that it would be superfluous to repeat what has already been said about its numerous beauties—or even to do more than allude to the general excellence of its interpretation. Fifty performances have had their effect, and has matured much that was at first rather crude. Mr. Tree's Herod still remains one of his very finest impersonations. It is not only tragic, but consistently interesting and picturesque. The Mariamine of Miss Maud Jeffreys is even now a trifle too unrestrained, but it has the merit of great sincerity, and has gained in grace and pathos. It may well be doubted whether, at either the Francais or the Odeon a more perfect performance of a classical play could be witnessed than this at Her Majesty's, and certainly on the stage of no Continental theatre could so magnificent a spectacle be seen— perfect in its every detail, of scenery, costume, and grouping. The souvenir presented on this occasion took the shape of a very handsome and artistic album of photogravures of each of the principal performers. At the end of the play Mr. Tree was summoned again and again before the curtain and cheered with exceptional enthusiasm.

M. Paderewski is about to undertake a tour through Germany, followed by tours through Spain and Scandinavia. His long expected new opera, "Manru," will be produced in the early spring under Schuch, at Dresden, and meanwhile the composer has confided a copy of the words and has played the music over to Dr. de San Martino, of Rome. The libretto is by Nossig, the polish poet and sculptor, and, as we have already stated, it deals with the tribal conflicts of mediæval times between Slavs and gipsies. Manru, the tenor hero, is a gipsy, who has carried off and married the Slav girl Hunna, the soprano heroine. His love now begins to cool, and Hunna consults the hunchback Gobbo, the wise man of the village who gives her a love philtre. The act ends with a Slavonic merrymaking, and a street riot, in the course of which Manru is stoned out of the village. In the second act both husband and wife have been driven out of their tribes, and the husband is working at his forge, the wife in the hut singing a lullaby to her child. Manru is still longing to be back with the gipsies, but Hunna administers the love potion, and there ensues a delirious love duet, based chiefly upon the themes allotted to hero and heroine. The sound of a gipsy's fiddle, and the Bohemian march, in the last act tempt Manre away from his wife and to the side of Asa, the gipsy beauty. For her sake Manru revolts against and deposes the gipsy King Oros, who, in revenge, throws him over a precipice, as his devoted wife arrives in search of him. The music is said to be intricate, but melodious and full of local colour. The principal part, that of Gobbo, will, it is hoped, be created by the veteran baritone, Scheidemantel, of Dresden and Bayreuth.

The first number of "The Italian Review," quarterly publication published in Rome in the English language, though its contributors are mostly Italians, contains an interesting article by the popular novelist Luigi Capuana descriptive of the model theatre erected in that city by the great Italian actor Ermette Novelli, and to be known as the "Casa di Goldini." Signor Novelli is described as saying to the writer of this article : My company will not be composed of first class elements ; if I had gone to work in that way I should have been certain to fail ; my idea is to surround myself with promising young men, willing to learn, and capable of understanding my aims and of helping me to carry them out. In our performances nothing will be left to choice or to chance ; every representation of a play, old or new, must be a work of art, down to the minutest detail. If I cannot recreate the marvels of the old improvised drama, so individual and so living, it shall be my endeavour to make our performances as like is as possible. Every "stage-tradition,"—that is, of course, every undesirable tradition, for there are some good ones which need not be got rid of—will disappear from my stage. In my present company I have already introduced an innovation which was thought impossible. I have done away with the prompter! "Everything," adds Signor Capuana, "in the Casa di Goldoni is in perfect harmony, from the decorations of the body of the house and the boxes to the decorations of the stage, from his own marvellous personifications already known to the public, to the well-nigh perfect ensemble afforded by the actors who surround him." We also learn that the new theatre will enjoy no subsidy, Signor Novelli priding himself, "as a man and as an artist," on having asked nothing from the municipality or the Government.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the port of Bombay held on the 3rd January.

Read letter from the Secretary, Bombay Improvement Trust, dated 22nd December 1900, requesting with reference to Sections 15 (1) *d* and 13 (1) of Act. IV of 1898, that another member may be appointed to represent the Port Trustees on the Board of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust in place of Mr. Burke who vacated the appointment of chairman of the Bombay Port Trust and his seat as a Member of that Trust

It was proposed by Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram and seconded by Mr. Willcocks that Mr. W. C. Hughes, the chairman of the Board, be elected to serve as the Trustees' representative on the Board of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust.

On the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried.

A QUESTION OF TONNAGE.

Submitted letter from the Docks Superintendent, dated 16th August 1899, reporting that the very large class of modern steamer now using the Trustees' Docks have such a very great difference between their registered tonnage and the gross tonnage, that it is desirable to call the attention to the case of the s. s. "Monarch," at present in the Prince's Dock, whose registered tonnage is given as 4,770 tons, upon which the daily dock charges amount to Rs. 24-13-6, and the gross tonnage 7,295 would render a daily dock revenue of Rs. 37-15-11, which is nearer the amount of dock charges such a very large steamer should pay, adding that he has been told that the Suez Canal Company would not accept the tonnage given by the 'Monarch," but had the vessel measured upon their own scale, and suggesting the adoption of the Suez Canal scale for the Trustees' Wet Dock charges instead of taking the registered tonnage which is so greatly different to the vessel's actual capacity and size.

Submitted proceedings of the Docks Committee, saying that the policy of the Trustees has hitherto been to decrease rather than increase charges in the Docks, and there is no reason at present to add to the payments made by the trade for the use of the Docks when the revenue receipts are so satisfactory, and recommending that the papers be recorded.

Resolution.—Recorded.

The following were amongst the papers laid on the table :—

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 28th Dec. 1900.	Total from 1st April to 28th Dec. 1900.	For week ending 28th Dec. 1899.	Total from 1st April to 28th Dec. 1899.
Vessels pilot d into harbour	12	743	19	739
" " out of "	24	749	10	738
" transported	13	483	15	505
" attended to	0	60	3	44
" warped ...	1	44	0	49

THE HIRED TRANSPORT SUNDA.

THE transport Sunda which arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening from Southampton with drafts of various regiments, and the particulars of which have been reported in already.

The baggage guard and working party, strength 4 officers and 200 men, under a Field officer, left the ship's side at 11-0 a.m. yesterday, in charge of the baggage, and the remainder of the troops for shore, moved into the barges at 1 p. m. and 2-30 p. m. The troops left by train as under :—The first train left the Sassoon Dock for Deolali, at 6-5 p. m. with 6 officers, 297 men, 13 women and 18 children. The second train left at 6-35 p.m. with 9 officers and 235 men.

PROFESSOR RAMSAY of London University, who is travelling in India with the object of ascertaining the fields in which Mr. Tata's scheme for scientific research can best be developed, has been recently engaged in visiting the various scientific and technical institutions in Calcutta and will next week proceed on a similar mission to the southern provinces.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MABEL OLLIVANT.

A VERY quiet but pretty wedding of much interest took place at St. Thomas' Cathedral this morning, when Miss Mabel Ollivant, the second daughter of Sir E. C. K. Ollivant, was married to Mr. Percival Fox Tuckett. The ceremony was, indeed, as quiet as was possible on account of the recent death in China of Captain Ollivant, the brother of the bride. That sad event deprived of much of its brightness a wedding that would otherwise have been the most brilliant hymeneal event of the season and at which the numerous friends of Sir Charles Ollivant and his family would have figured largely. As it was, only a few old friends or members of the service with whom Sir Charles has been long associated were invited. If, however, the ceremony was shorn of some of its splendour, it was artistic and highly impressive. The altar was prettily decorated with lovely white roses and chrysanthemums and a profusion of plants were grouped in the chancel. The main aisle was laid with crimson cloth for three parts its length and thence to the principal entrance of the Cathedral it was heavily carpeted. The service was fully choral and was conducted by His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. F. N. Hill, senior Presidency Chaplain. Before the arrival of the bride the organist, Mr. Faulkner, played an andante from Mozart and as the bride advanced up the aisle escorted by her father the hymn "O Father all-creating" was sung by the choir and congregation. The bride looked radiant and was beautifully dressed in pure white satin, the gown having a drawn body with yoke and sleeves of drawn and tucked chiffon. Her veil was of beautiful Brussels lace, which had been her mother's and she carried a lovely bouquet. Lady Ollivant wore a dress of white crepe de Chine trimmed with black lace and Miss Ollivant, sister of the bride, was dressed in white canvas with black picture hat. When the first part of the ceremony was concluded the hymn, "O Perfect Love" was beautifully sung and as bride and bride-groom advanced to the altar the choir chanted Psalm 67. At the close of the ceremony the organist played Mendelssohn's wedding march, and while the register was being signed Mr. Faulkner played the joyous "March of the Israelites."

Immediately after the ceremony Sir Charles and Lady Ollivant held a reception at the Secretariat at which the invited guests were :—The Bishop of Bombay and Mrs. MacArthur, Mr. and Mrs. de Courcy Atkins, Mr., and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Benn, Colonel and Mrs. Cahusac, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Crowe, Major and Mrs. Childe, Mr. Mrs. and Misses Leslie Crawford, Major and Mrs. Crimmin, Mr. Justice, Mrs. and Miss Candy, Mr. and Mrs. Chitty, Mr. and Mrs. Edwardes, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Forbes, Dr. Field, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Geary, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hill, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr and Mrs. Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. Keatinge, Mr. and the Misses Muir-Mackenzie, Mr. and Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Captain and Mrs. Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Paton, Mr. and Mrs. Pottinger, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Rivett-Carnac, Mr. Justice, Mrs. and Miss Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Raikes, Mrs. and Miss Sassoon, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Tate, Mr Justice and Mrs. Whitworth, General Goodfellow, Col. Waters, I. M. S., Col. Maitland, Major Grant, Captain Greig, Lieut.-Col. Dimmock, I. M. S., Col. Owen, Captain Grier, the Hon'ble Mr. Monteath, Messrs. Abercrombie, Cadell, Crofton, Davison, Dawson, Filgate, FitzGerald, Hartly Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, Lord, Lucas, Mackenzie, O'Brien, Marshall Reid, Basil Scott, York Smith, Souter, Waddington and White.

Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Tuckett left for their honeymoon which will be spent at Matheran and thereafter they will proceed to England, where they will resides. The bride's going away dress was of white serge made with an Eton jacket open over a mauve and white soft front trimming and with a mauve satin band. Her hat was a large one the prevailing colours in it being black and white.

BOMBAY HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

YESTERDAY evening at Watson's Annexe Hotel, a meeting was held of subscribers to the Bombay Horse and Dog Show. Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy presided and there was a fair attendance ; among those present being Mr. F. A. Prevost, Captain Moore, Captain Boileau, Mr. Baldry, A. V. D., Mr. Douglas Bennett, Prince Samatsinhji and Mr. D. Lindsay, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The balance sheet of the last Show was submitted and passed, the accounts showing

BOMBAY RACES.

2nd entries closed on Tuesday 8th January.

1st Day, Saturday, 9th February.

THE GRAND WESTERN HANDICAP.—Distance, 1 mile.

(1st Entries 15).

Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto by Malua, Lady Vengeance (aged).
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g (Stand Off by St. Blaize Conceit 5 years.)
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Henry by Lennox Henrietta (5 years).

THE IMPORTERS PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 3).

Mr K O S's b aus g Sundowner (5 years).
Mr T C Naples ch aus m Victoria by Deerswood Irma (5 years).
Mr E J Hunter's b aus g Tourist by Gosscon—Mirth Hampton (4 years).
Mr K J Hunter's ch aus g Coin by Play Boy—Commonwealth 14-2 (6 years).

THE BOMBAY DERBY—Distance 1 1-4 miles.

(1st Entries 18).

Mr Anandji Nanji's b a h Muswood 13 3 3-4.

THE STUD STAKES—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 10)
(2nd Entries nil)

THE TOM LEMESURIER STAKES—Distances 7 furlongs.

(1st Entries 15).
(2nd Entries nil)

THE GATE CUP—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 8.)

Mr Baldock's ch aus m Amorosa 14 1.
Mr Cross' b aus m Nada 14 0
Mr R J Hunter's br aus m Fancy by Faust Fancy 14 0 3-4.

THE LILLIPUT STAKES—Distance 1-2 mile.

(1st Entries 14).

General Mac Call's g a h Ptarmigan 13 1 1-2.

2nd Day, Monday, 11th February.

THE MANSFIELD PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 18).

Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto (aged).
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Stand Off (5 years).
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Henry (5 years).
Mr K O S b aus g Sundowner (5 years).
Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g Harkaway (aged).

THE MAHALUXMI STAKES.—Distance 1 mile.

(1st Entries 9)

Mr Anandji Nanji's b aus g Tubalcain 11 (aged).
Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Henry (5 years).
Mr Baldock's br aus Teepookana.
Messrs Tulloch and Allan's br aus g Holkar (aged).

THE DESERT STAKES.—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 15).
(2nd Entries nil.)

THE PRODUCE STAKES.—Distance 1 mile.

(1st Entries 9).
(2nd Entries nil.)

THE DEALERS PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

(1st Entries 13).

Mr Anandji Nanji's b a h Muswood 13 3 3-4.

THE STEWARDS PURSE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 12.)

Mr Cross' b aus m Nada 14 0.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Distance 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 23.)

General MacCall's g a h Ptarmigan 13 1 1-2.

3rd Day, Wednesday, 13th February.

THE EXETER STAKES.—Distance 7 furlongs.

(1st Entries 15.)

Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto (aged.)
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Stand Off (5 years.)
Mr A a Apcar's b aus g Henry (5 years.)
Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g Harkaway (aged.

THE STAND PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 10.)

Mr K O S's b aus g Sundowner (5 years.)
Mr Baldock's b aus h Teepookana.
Messrs Tulloch and Allan's b aus g Holkar (aged)
Mr R J Hunter's b aus g Tourist (4 years.)
THE BEDOUIN STAKES—Distance 1 mile.

(1st Entries 19.)

Mr Anandji Nanji's b a h Muswood 13 3 3-4.

THE SECOND DEALERS—Distance, 7 furlongs.

(1st Entries 19)

Mr Farmer's ch a h Sandow (4 years.)
Mr Cross' ch a h Sorrento (5 years.)
Mr Syed Rashid's g a h Timoor 14 0 3-4 (5 years.)

THE TOWN PLATE—Distance 1 1-4 mile.

(1st Entries 12.)

Mr Anandji Nanji's b a h Muswood 13 3 3-4.

THE LAWN STAKES—Distance 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 11.)

Mr Baldock's ch aus m Amorosa 114.
Mr R J Hunters' br aus m Fancy 14 0 3-4.

THE ASIAN STAKES—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 20.)

General MacCall's g a h Ptarmigan 13 1 1-2.

4th Day, Saturday, 16th February.

THE BYCULLA CLUB CUP—Distance 1 1-4 mile.

(1st Entries 16.)

Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto (aged.)
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Stand Off (5 years.)
Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Henry (5 years.)

THE TURF CLUB CUP—Distance 1 1-2 mile.

(1st Entries 19.)

Mr Anandji Nanji's b a h Muswood 13 3 3-4.

THE FINAL PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 14.)
(2nd Entries nil.)

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES—Distance 7 furlongs

(1st Entries 9.)

Mr Cross' b aus m Nada 14 0

THE SMALL PONY HANDICAP—Distance 5 furlongs

(1st Entries 27.)
(2nd Entries nil.)

THE MELTON STAKES—Distance, 5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 18.)

Mr. A M Bushari's b a h Manilla 13 1 1-4.
Mr B's b a h Budhoo 13 2 3-4.

Third and Final Entries close on Tuesday, 22nd January.

CECIL GREY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

AHMEDABAD NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, JAN. 8.

THERE was a smart shower of rain last night at 11 o'clock, the fall amounting to about half an inch. In the course of one month, we have had three small showers, making a total of three-quarters of an inch of rain. This will greatly assist the winter crops and it seems now that there will be no fear of another failure this season. The Government have directed the authorities here to spend Rs. 20,000 to relieve the distressed people, and for this purpose small relief works will be opened in the next hot season.

The gharry wallas have again caused a strike, and on New year's Day they refused to put on the uniform, as directed by Mr. R. V. Lambert, the Police Superintendent. This applies only to the city gharrywalas, and therefore, the public had to suffer little inconvenience, owing to the back carriages of the camp plying for hire in the city. On the 4th instant, they consented to wear the dress, on payment of Rs. 7, fixed by the police superintendent. Hence the strike lasted only three days.

The total mortality of the city during the week ending the 3rd instant, was 312. Of these 31 deaths occurred among refugees in the town, 239 died from fever, 15 from respiratory diseases, 14 from starvation and the rest from other causes. Fifty four births were registered during the same week.

The Municipal elections will take place on the 9th of March, when local ward elections will be held.

The general ward election will take place on the 11th of the same month. The candidates for the general ward election are, Dewan Bahadur Ambalal Sakerlal, Dr. Soloman Ibrahim and Mr. Ramanbhai Mahipatram, B.A.L.L.B. Only two can be elected according to the District Municipal Act.

Ahmedabad is well represented in the New Year's Honours list, though very short this time. The Hon. F. S. P. Lely ought to have obtained a higher honour than a mere C. S. I. No Government official knows the people of Guzerat better than Mr. Lely, The bestowal of a Silver Medal of the Kaisar-i-Hind upon Lieut-Colonel Bartholomez is but a poor recognition of the services he rendered during the last famine. The poor-house conducted under his Superintendence was the largest in the presidency, and his Excellency the Viceroy, who personally visited it, was perfectly satisfied with its efficient working. Mr. F. K. Taraporewalla, the Executive Engineer, has well earned his C. I. E. for services rendered to the Surat and Ahmedabad Municipalities in the construction of the water and drainage works. Rao Bahadur Lalshanker Umiashunker, the Civil Judge, deserved any title from the Government long before this. The opening of his cattle-camp during the famine was the least work done by him for the poor of the city. Besides this, he is the Secretary of half-a-dozen educational and charitable institutions of the city. The official, who really deserved decorations are Messrs. M. C. G. B. B. and F. G. Pratt. whose names ought to have appeared in the list. As Collector and Additional Collector of this District, they have done yeoman's service on behalf of the famine-striken people, and besides, they have spent lots of money out of their own pocket. Other names which do not appear in the list are those of Mrs. Lely, wife of the Commissioner, and Mrs. Weir, wife of Mr. Weir, the Collector of Guzerat. It is well known that these philanthrophic ladies have done much to save the lives of scores of helpless orphans. Very likely their services will be recognised in the Birth Day Honours list in May next.

THE Mahsuds still continue perfectly quiet. Within the last few days they have recommenced making a payment towards the fine.

"THE GRAND ORNITHOLOGICAL CONTEST."

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.)

SIR,—Allow me to a say few words concerning the advertisement entitled "The Grand Ornithological Contest," through the medium of your esteemed journal. Having read this advertisement in some papers and confiding in their words "we are exactly known to do as we advertise," I sent a list of birds about the middle of September last, hoping to receive a valuable prize and "The Woman's World."

In reply I received per return mail a letter as follows:—

"9, High St, Brentford. London, W., Oct. 3, 1900.

Your letter of a recent date has been duly received, giving us your list in the Ornithological Contest. Your solution has been judged by the Board of Arbitors as worthy of a prize, and they have granted you a clock.

This will be sent forward to you as soon as you send in your subscription to the "Womans World" 5s. 10d., which will cover the cost of paper for the year, together with the postage on the prize.

We congratulate you on having secured this prize, and hope you may receive many more during the continuation of your subscription.

Yours very truly,
"THE WOMAN'S WORLD," per M.'

Trusting in the above letter I forwarded the subscription per money order by the return mail (3-11400), and with the remittance I posted a letter for further information of the payee (The Woman's World).

Since then, I have received neither paper, reply nor clock.

Some of your numerous readers may doubt the veracity of this statement, but it is a down-right fact, and the same has happened not only in my case but in the case of many others who have taken part in this "Grand Competition."

To spare time and space in your valuable journal, I shall gladly furnish your readers, with a further succint account, on applying to me.—Yours, &c.,

NADIRSHAW C. S. POWALLA.

DEPARTURE OF THE R. I. M. S, CLIVE.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer Clive, Commander G. J. Baugh, will sail to-day for Karachi en route to Quetta with the 1st Cheshire Regiment, comprising 22 officers, 3 ladies 3 children, 7 warrant officers, 7 women, 23 children, 916 no-commissioned officers and men, 28 women, and 54 children, 49 followers and 8 officers' chargers. The folloing are the names of the officers:—

Lieutenant Colonel F.W. Bromfield, Regiment, 1st Cheshire Major and Mrs. J.W. Fraser, CaptainsT. G. Cousin, B. Leicester, and P. L. Grove, Lieutenants C. G. Poecher and H. Broughton, 2nd, Lieutenants E. R. Jones, and Lieutenant Russel. Lieutenant Dorgan, R. A M. C., Major C. R. H. Hardy, Major E. J. Lamb, Major and Mr. H. E. Napie, and 3 children, Captain and Mrs. W. L. Stretons Captain H. Smyth Lieutenants C. H. Stephen, W. W. B. Gover, E. L. Koddy, 2nd Lieutenant B. H. Howard, A. Crookruden J. L. Shore, F. R. Teesdale.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

SAILING RACES TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY NEXT.

"Tomtit" class race to start at 3 o'clock. Course No. 1, reversed.

Ship's boats handicap race (fency rig) (resalled race of Sat, last 5th inst.)—Start at 3-10. Course No. 1 reversed.

Yacht's handicap races to start as usual in two batches, one going at 3-15, the other at 3-30. Course No. 3.

Entries for all the above races will close at noon on Friday.

Fresh entries for the ship's boats race will be accepted.

MR. EDMUND RUSSELL.

MR. EDMUND RUSSELL, a celebrated elocutionist who will arrive in Bombay on Friday morning by the English mail, is by no means a stranger to the manners of eastern life if he is a stranger to the Indian soil. His sympathies have long been with the Indian people, and a more accurate opinion of them may be gathered when it is stated that Mr. Russell is a friend of Mr. Dadabhai Nowroji and Mr. R. C. Dutt, C.I.E. At a meeting of the Society for the encouragement of Indian Art, Mr. Russell read a poem, specially composed for the occasion, on the Arts of India, and in November last composed another poem on the Famine, which he read at a soiree given by the National Indian Association at the Imperial Institute.

Mr. Russell is an American by birth, and has travelled all over that vast continent with unvarying success, his recitals drawing large audiences. He will spend the season in Bombay, and afterwards tour through India, reaching Simla in time for next season. His first recital will be given in aid of the Indian Famine Fund and it is to be hoped his Eastern tour will be as successful as in other countries.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yester-day, give the following results:—

Wards	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	4	11
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	19	7	36
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	28	11	30
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakhmi	4	4	18
E Mazagon, Parwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	3	9	41
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	3	0	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	3	7
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	8	21
Total	60	46	169
Total plague deaths to date	81,258	67,100	
Same date last year	73	34	271

WITH WHAT SHOULD TEETH BE CLEANED?

By the use of the tooth-brush and rinsing the mouth with an antiseptic fluid which thoroughly counteracts the effect of fermentation, acid, and decay. For only a "*Mouthbath*" can guarantee that the antiseptic effect in the whole mouth, in the hollow teeth, in the crevices of the teeth, and in the mucuous membrane, is really thorough and complete. But hitherto a fluid of this kind did not exist. Tests have proved that the so-called antiseptic dentifrices are either too strong and therefore poisonous and injurious to the teeth, or too weak and therefore do not deserve the name of antiseptics.

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is the first and only compound which thoroughly and with certainty counteracts the above-mentioned causes of the decay of the teeth. The effect of Odol which has been undeniably proved, is principally due to its peculiar property, which, contrary to all other mouth washes, is not effective for the moment only, but, as it is absorbed by the gums and mucuous membranes, its disinfecting powers continue for hours after use, as these organs are thoroughly impregnated by it. Odol is therefore constant and lasting in its effect.

WHOLESALE:—BERTIE-SMITH & Co., Ld., 23 to 31, Apollo Street, Bombay, Sole Agents for British India.

THE CHINESE AWAKENING IN AUSTRALIA.

A SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT WRITES.

The Chinese Reform movement, the headquarters of which are in China, is rapidly spreading throughout the new Commonwealth, where representatives of the parent organisation are being cordially welcomed in the different provinces and assured of the goodwill of the secret societies with which Chinese Australia is literally honey combed. There avowed object is the establisment of constitutional government in their native country, based on the same principles as that of Great Britain, with the present Emperor as the head of the State. The Chinese residents in Australia have become largely imbued with modern ideas, and are anxious to see them adopted in the land of their fathers. In Australia many of them have thriven and waxed fat. Some are owners of large stores, others are merchants on an extensive scale, and not a few are skilful agriculturists; but all enjoy a high reputation for fair dealing, plodding industry, and love of order. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, but, generally speaking, in Australia the Chinaman is seen as he might be under just and stable rule in the Flowery Land. That their enthusiasm is real shown by the fact that each individual taking part in the Reform demonstration is liable to the death penalty on his return from Australia. They have systematically denounced the resent policy of the Chinese Imperial Court, and have forwarded from time to time petitions to the Chinese Emperor entreating him to introduce a more enlightened form of government; but these documents were intercepted in Pekin, and never reached his hands. Present events in China have disappointed but not discouraged the Reformers, who recognise in the disavowal by Great Britain, Germany, and America of any desire to assist in the dismemberment of the Celestial Empire a possible means to the accomplishment of their objects at no remote date. The Rev. Check Hong Cheong, a Chinese clergyman in Sydney who was recently entertained by a number of his fellow-countrymen and Japanese residents in Sydney, states that the future greatness and prosperity of China will be based on commercial and industrial enterprise, unless it falls under the military domination of other countries. The country, he remarks, possesses unbounded wealth. Its soil surpasses that of any other country in the world in the production of a succession of crops without impoverishing the land in the slightest degree. More than this its coal deposits are of enormous magnitude, embracing an area of about 419,000 square miles, or something like three times the area of the British and American coalfields combined. There is also an abundance of iron ore of extreme richness. "Yet," remarked the speaker, "all these vast treasure-houses remain untouched owing to the superstitious character of the people. What a future awaits the commercial world especially that of Great Britain, which already possesses three-fourths of the Chinese trade, if a more enlightened policy were pursued by the Chinese Government. Despite all the losses occasioned by past and existing wars, China still possesses an enormous capital with which to trade, and in a few years, if the allies do not adopt a policy of territorial aggression, an extensive market would become opened and the way prepared for the full development of the many resources of the ancient empire." These, be it remarked, are the words of a Chinaman addressing his fellow-countrymen, and represent the growing feeling against the interests of which the Boxers are the exponents. The Boxers have no friends in Australia. Their action has been disavowed by every section of the Chinese community resident in Australia, and when it was reported that their leaders had come to grief there were great rejoicings among the Sydney Celestials, who, by the way condemn the employments of female religious missionaries in the more remote parts of the Empire. In Australia the Chinese treat their wives, whether white or yellow, as equals; but it is otherwise in China. Hence Chinese who have been long resident in Australia generally prefer remaining with their wives and families. The Chinese Reformers are in favour of the gradual elevation of Chinese women; without it, they declare, no improvement of Chinese moral character is possible. The task under taken by them is difficult, but they are sanguine and full of enthusiasm, their only fear being that of a secret alliance between China and Russia, which would render the Chinese Imperial policy more bigoted and shortsighted than ever.

THE ALLEGED MUTINY OF COLONIALS.

AN EXPLANATION FROM THE CAPE.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Times* quotes from the *Cape Mercury* an explanation of the report of a mutiny upon the part of the Kaffrarian Rifles and Border Horse, which it is believed Mr. Bryn Roberts had in his mind when he made his allusion to Australian troopers in the House of Commons:

On October 1 knowing that their time was about up, the men of the K. R.'s met together and sent a letter to Colonel Cumming intimating that their period of service expired on October 17, and they did not wish to serve beyond that date. Colonel Cumming replied agreeing with the spirit in which the letter was written and stating that he would do his best to get the time-expired men their discharges. This happened at Heilborn. The camp was then removed to Witkop. On the 17th Colonel Cumming called the men together and discussed the question with them. He said he recognised that their time was up, but that they could not get away until they were relieved. He was expecting Imperial troops to relieve them, and promised that if they continued to serve until the end of the month they would not be asked to leave the camp except to proceed home. On these terms the men agreed to stop, as they did not wish to upset the military authorities' arrangements. The same evening an order was given to get ready for patrol at five o'clock next morning. A message was sent back refusing to do so, as the men held Colonel Cumming to his promise. The next morning at five o'clock the time-unexpired men saddled up, but the others refused to do so despite the entreaties of some of the officers, who appealed to them to obey orders for the sake of the reputation of the corps. At 7-30 a.m. an agreement was come to with Colonel Cumming, that they would be allowed to return on the 31st, and that if the Imperial authorities would not allow them to do so he and the officers would be willing to take them away and refuse to serve longer in the field. Just as they were sadding up to go on patrol Colonel Maxwell sent word down that he wanted to speak to the men. They were then paraded, and when Colonel Maxwell arrived, he addressed them to the following effect: "You appear to be willing to go now, but how do I know an agitator might not spring up from among you in a day or two and refuse to move again? I have wired to Lord Roberts that you are no longer in a fit condition to be in the field, and both yourself and the Border Horse will proceed to Vredefort road as disgraced regiments." It was recognised afterwards that the time-expired men had the right under Lord Robert's proclamation to their discharge, and they were sent to Kopje Station to await orders. They waited there for a fortnight, when they received orders that they could go home. Before they entrained General Brabant addressed them. He recognised that they had grievances, but he thought the incident would not have happened had he been present.

The real cause of the discontent, added the Cape Mercury's informant, was the information received that the refugees were being allowed to return to the Rand. There were many Johannesburg men in the corps, and Lord Roberts having promised that those who had served in the field would have the preference, they considered that they should have had the first chance of returning.

AN IMPORTANT INCOME TAX DECISION.

A LEGAL correspondent writes:—The appeal of the London County Council against the Attorney General, on which judgment was given the other day in the House of Lords, was an instance of the attempt, with which as individuals many of us are familiar, of the Revenue authorities to exact payment twice over of income tax. The County Council, in making their return, claimed to retain the amounts deducted by their tenants under schedule A, but the claim was resisted on the construction insisted upon for the Crown of section 24 (3) of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1888. That section only expressly mentions schedule D, and provides for the deduction of the tax by the person who pays interest on money due. This is, of course, the familiar practice in the case of mortgager and mortgagee. The authorities sought to exclude from the operation of the section all moneys payable under schedule A, which covers rent and other matters. Thus if their contention was sound the landlord—the London County Council in this case—would pay twice over on the deduction made by the tenant and once direct to the revenue. The section deals with profits or gains brought into charge to such tax," for which the taxpayer has to account. The Commissioners sought to interpret these words as meaning "to such tax under schedule D," and the courts below adopted that view. But their Lordships unanimously reversed that decision. There was, they observed, strictly no such thing as income tax under schedule D; there was but one income tax, arranged under several headings, and the same principles were applicable to all those heads.

HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

AT a meeting held the other day in the Royal Engineers' Drill Hall, Cardiff, Major-Gen. Lee, R.E., presiding, Mr. Glenelg Grant, in the course of a lecture on the war in South Africa, read the following letter, which he had received from Mr. Rudyard Kipling, on total abstinence in the Army:—

The Elms, Rottingdean, Sussex.

Sir,—In reply to yours of the 3rd inst., so far as I could see in South Africa, it did not much matter what sort of spirits a man fancied, because there was not the least danger of his getting more than was good for him. On the other hand, men who could do without liquid, who did not fancy that they needed to flood their insides every two or three hours, got on better than men who, through mere physical incontinence and carelessness were always sucking at their water-bottles. In this, as in all things, the man who is temperate in the full sense of the word survives.—Very sincerely,

Rudyard Kipling.

I have lately come across a little story of the Duchess of Montrose, writes a correspondent in "M. A. P.," whose beauty is no less renowned than her philanthropy. The scene was a bazaar where the Duchess was selling photographs. One old Scotch "buddy" of the more frugel sex was very anxious to secure a photograph of the Duchess, but the price asked was five shillings. The old woman hesitated; she wanted the photograph, but she could not well afford so much. "You can have my husband," said the Duchess, with an amused glance at the Duke standing near, "for two-and-sixpence." The would-be purchaser looked at the Duke and then at his photograph contemptuously. 'Half-a-crooni' she blurted out, "I wouldna 'give a silver sixpence for him. But, "she added insinuatingly. "I'm right willing tae give hauf-a-croon for your bonnie sel'." The Duchess was unable to resist this, and herself added the other half-a-crown to the bazzar coffers, or, as another version of the story goes, the despised Duke proffered the balance.

The leading national events, so for as we can anticipate them, of the new century will be the celebration of the 1,000th year of the British Navy, the foundations of which were laid by King Alfred. those, millenary occurs next October. It was in 875 that Alfred commanded "boats and ships to be built throughout the kingdom, in order that he might offer battle by sea to the enemy as they were coming." These ships, on which we are told Alfred placed seamen to "watch the seas," were the cradle of the Navy. In the reign of Alfred's son a fleet of 100 ships held the Channel. To-day, after 1,000 years, the Navy consists of nearly 500 ships of war of all types, on which nearly 200,000,000£ sterling has been expended in 11 years.

A famous Stotch Colonel tells the following story in his reminiscences:—

A young subaltern of his own nationality was one day on guard with another officer at Gibraltar, when the latter fell over the rock and was killed. The subaltern, however, made no mention of the accident in his guard report, but left the addendum. Nothing extraordinary since guard mounting," standing without qualification. Some hours afterwards the brigade-general came to demand explanations. "You say, sir, in your report, 'Nothing extraordinary since guard mounting,' when your own fellow-officer has fallen down a rocky precipice 400 feet deep, and has been killed!" "Well, general," replied Lieut. Sandy, slowly, "I diana think there's anything extraordinary in that. If he had faun doon a precipice 400 feet deep, and not been killed, I should ha' thocht it extraordinary, and put it doon in ma reepoort."

The first woman barrister in France, Mlle. Chauvin, will make her debut very soon in a lady friend's divorce suit. Mlle. Chauvin is a woman of great courage and undoubted ability, who has fought her way to a high place in her profession. She is a fully qualified Doctor of Laws, having received the degree six or seven years ago, chiefly in recognition of a work she has written on "The Professions Accessible Women."

A Scotch divine took one of his parishioners to task for his non-attendance at kirk. The man said, "I dinna like lang sermons." The parson, with some wrath, replied, "John, ye'll dee, and go to a place where ye'll not have the privilege of hearing long or short sermons." "That may be," said John, "but it winna be for lack of parsons.

We have received the following from the Colonial Office:—

The Pacific Cable Committee have accepted, on behalf of her Majesty's Government and of the Government of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, New Zealand, and Canada the tender of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company for the manufacture and laying of the projected Pacific cable. The amount of the tender is 1,795,000£, and the work is to be completed by the end of 1902. The cable will run from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, "via" Fanning Island, Fiji, and Norfolk Island.

A well-known military member of Parliament is telling a remarkable story concerning the miraculous escape from death in South Africa of a very near relative. This gallant young officer, says the "Daily News," was first of all shot, the bullet, which went within an inch of a vital part passing clean through the body. So little was he inconvenienced by the mishap that he persisted in riding on horseback to the nearest hospital to get the wound dressed, and absolutely refused to take a place in the ambulance waggon, which was badly required for more urgent cases. On the road to the hospital this clumsy vehicle and its human burden toppled over into the river and all were drowned.

The following announcement appears in the *Times*:—Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M. P., having been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has resigned his seat at the board of the Bank of Africa, Limited.

THE QUARREL BETWEEN WALDERSEE AND CHAFFEE.

A BERLIN correspondent refers to the quarrel between General Chaffee and Count von Waldersee regarding the removal of the famous bronze astronomical instruments from the Tartar Wall at Peaking. These instruments were manufactured in the seventeenth century under the direction of Ferdinando Verbiest, the Jesuit Father who was President of the Board of Work, at the Court of the Manchu Emperor, Kang Hsi. They consists of a sextant, a quadrant, an armillary sphere, a great celestial globe adorned with gilt constellations, and a few other istruments, one of which an azimuth dial, was presented by Louis XIV., "le Grand," to the Chinese Sovereign. These scientific appliances have long been a conspicuous and familiar object to travellers, and, during the last two or three decades, a favourite mark for photographers. Erected under the open sky on an elevated bastion, rising above the summit of the East Tartar Wall, the bronze fittings have been polished, as Lord Curson says, to a "glassy smoothness" by centuries of exposure to the dust-charged air of Peking.

There is a peculiar interest attaching to these astronomical instruments, as they were designed to replace a set of still older Mongol instruments (dating from 1279), which now repose in the grassy courtyard below. Consequently the appliances of the Jesuit Father may be said to have represented even at that date an Imperial tribute from China to the superiority of the scientific methods of the West. The demolition of the Porcelain Tower at Nanking was bad enough, but that was done by the uncivilised Taiping rebels; the removal of one of the most interesting and venerated antiquities of the northern capital is not creditable to Europeans.

A GERMAN PIERREFONDS.

THE German Emperor has decided (says a Paris correspondent) that his Empire shall possess another Pierrefonds. The feudal castle which is to be restored is that of Hohkonigsburg, in Alsace. This castle was a peel-house early in the mediæval epoch. Isolated buildings sprang up round it, and were connected by a wall. There was a terrible donjon, and the lower ward afforded refuge in troubled times to all the villagers on the Hohkonigsburg estates. The castle gradually became an abode of luxury as well as a strongbold, and was adapted to the tastes that sprang up through the relations of Western Europe with Lombardy, Venice, and Byzantium. That Duc d'Orleans who built Pierrefonds would not have disdained Hohkonigsburg, which however, had no Royal owner after the immediate successors of Charlemagne had passed away. It was long possessed by the Counts of Thierstein. The expense of a restoration according to the gorgeously mediæval plan of the Emperor will be great.

The restoration of Pierrefonds was a notion of the Empress Eugenie, who wanted "to bring a chapter of Walter Scots into her life." The idea occurred to her at a picnic, and as it haunted her she consulted M. Violle le Duc at one of her Compiegne teas. He entered into her views. The Directors of State Buildings and of Fine Arts did so too. The Empress wanted to find a change at Pierrefonds from the unpicturesque classicality of Compiegne. The architect worked wonders. The castle he restored is now a mediæval museum, and a most interesting place to visit. It draws visitors from everywhere to the hotels and boarding houses that have sprung up round it. The most numerous tourists attracted by it are Germans.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

A SERIOUS BAR TO AN ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

In his Message to Congress Mr. McKinley declared the modus vivendi with regard to the Alaska boundary to be an unsatisfactory makeshift which should not be suffered to delay the "speedy and complete establishment of the frontier line to which America is entitled under the Russo-American Treaty for the cession of Alaska."

Substitute "Great Britain" for "America" in this declaration, and the case of Canada is stated in a nutshell.

The crux of the Alaskan difficulty lies in the interpretation which is to be put upon the terms of the Russo-British Treaty of 1825, wherein the boundary line was defined some forty-three years before Alaska was purchased from Russia by the United States. So much has been over and over again admitted by the United States Government.

Now by the Russo-British Treaty the boundary line was to be drawn "upon the coasts of the continent and the islands of America to the north-west. Commencing from the point of the island called Prince of Wales Island, which point lies on the parallel of 54deg. and 40min. north latitude, and between the 131st and 133rd degree of west longitude, the said line shall ascend to the north along the channel called Portland Channel as far as the point of the continent where it strikes the 56th degree of north latitude.

THE LINE OF DEMARCATION.

"From this last-mentioned point the line of demarcation shall follow the summit of the mountains situated parallel to the coast as far as the point of intersection of the 141st degree of west longitude of the said meridian; and finally from the said point of intersection the said meridian line of the 141st degree in its prolongation as far as the Frozen Ocean shall be the limit between the Russian and British possessions."

A further clause provides that the line of demarcation shall never exceed the distance of ten marine leagues from the "coast of the continent and islands of America to the north-west," and by other articles both British and Russian vessels were to have the right to frequent "all the inland seas, the gulfs, havens, and creeks on the coast."

The American claim is that the boundary line runs north as far as the 56th parallel along the inlet known, not as the Portland "Channel" as expressly set forth in the Treaty but as the Portland "Canal," which does not find mention in the Treaty at all.

If that contention be correct, it is difficult to understand why the Portland "Canal" was not named in a treaty drawn up with so much minuteness of detail as that of 1825.

But it obviously is not correct since by the Treaty the boundary line is carefully indicated as starting from "a point between the 131st and the 133rd degree of west longitude," whereas the Portland "Canal," on which the American contention rests, starts from a point between the 130th and 131st degrees, or more than 100 miles east of the point named in the Treaty.

Another point. It is agreed that the boundary line shall follow the Portland Channel until it strikes the 56th degree of north latitude. What was known as the Portland Channel in 1825—now shown on American maps as Clarence Strait—clearly does strike the 56th parallel, while the Portland "Canal," just as obviously, does not.

THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION.

But the chief contention of the United States is that the words "ten marine leagues" in the Treaty of 1825 are intended to mean thirty miles inland from the coast of the mainland, and not, as Canada claims, thirty miles from the high seas measured from outside the island limits.

If the American contension holds good, then Skagway and Dyea on the upper reaches of the Lynn Canal are in United States territory, which thus possesses the only practicable routes to the Yukon gold-fields, and shuts Canada out from this important region, except in so far as long and difficult overland routes are concerned.

Now there is fortunately no ambiguity about the terms of the treaty on this point. It was expressly stipulated, as we have seen, that the boundary line was to be drawn not upon the coasts of the mainland, but "upon the coasts"—note the plural—"of the continent and of the islands of America to the north-west."

From the particularity with which the Treaty is drawn, a particularity which was only limited by the geographical knowledge of the time, it is scarcely conceivable that if the British possessions were to be defined by a boundary line drawn thirty miles in the interior of the continent, those words were not included in the terms of the delimiation.

The Treaty need then have simply stipulated that all the islands, gulfs, creeks, and inland seas should continue to belong to Russia, and thirty miles of the interior as well. Not only do no such words appear in the Treaty, but extreme care is taken to indicate that the boundary is to be drawn upon the "coasts of the islands."

A CLEAR ISSUE.

It is also stipulated that both British and Russian vessels, under stress of bad weather, shall be at liberty to frequent all the islands, inland seas, the gulfs, havens, etc., and to refit "in the ports of the respective parties" but if all the islands, creeks, gulfs, and inland seas as well as the coast of the mainland, belonged to Russia, as is contended by the United States this carefully drafted article of the Treaty would be mere meaningless nonsense for Russian ships could refit at Russian ports without any necessity for Treaty provisions, and if it had been intended to make a concession to British ships to refit at Russian ports on the same terms as Russian ships, it is incredible that the concession should not have been expressed in those terms.

Here, again, there is no ambiguity. It was clearly understood, and is clear still, from the terms of the meridians and parallels named, that in the drawing of the boundary line some of the islands—for instance, those of Dundar, Gravina, and Revilla Gigedo—would fall within British territory, while others would fall within Russian limits, and it was agreed, as a matter of mutual obligation, that vessels of either nationality should use the ports of these islands when necessity arose on the same terms irrespective of the nationality of the port.

To bring the issue down to date it is only necessary to add that the terms of the Russo-American Treaty for the purchase of Alaska in 1868 expressly and in set terms left the definition of the boundary line to be determined by reference to the Russo-British Treaty of 1825, the clear and unmistakable terms of which have been here set forth.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JAN. 9.

Wednesday: Barometer has risen rapidly over the greater part of the Punjab, Sind, Gujarat, Rajputana, west of Central India, and of Central Provinces. It has been steady in the east and south of Central Provinces, and has fallen slightly to briskly in Bengal and Upper and Central Burma. The depression in south-east Rajputana yesterday is almost filled up, and is now in feeble and ill defined disturbance. It is apparently lying over the east of Central Provinces. Rain has been general in the North Western and Central Provinces, East Rajputana and East of Central India, and showers have fallen in the Upper India hills, south east Punjab, and south of peninsula, Malnpuri, Agra, Juanoi, Sambhar, Chanda and Cuddalore have received an amount ranging from half to one inch. The temperature is in defect over the greater part of Northern India and Burma, the defect being largest in East Rajputana and the adjacent districts and in Kathiawar and Cutch. Temperature is inconsiderable to very large excess in Madras and Tenasserim.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 8TH OF JANUARY.
SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased almost everywhere, the rise being brisk to rapid in Sind, Rajputana, Central India, Gujarat and Berar, and at Lahore, Sirsa, Agra, Malegaon, Jamnagar Bombay, Jhansi, Saugor, Jubulpore, Hoshangabad, Khandwa, Belgaum and Ahmednagar. Readings are highest in the north, and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are variable in direction, and the force has been fresh to strong at Amraoti, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad Goa, Cochin, Masulipatam and Negapatam, and moderate to light elsewhere.

The maximum temperature is from 7. to 21° below the average in Rajputana and at Delhi, Agra Cownpore Neemuch, Rajkot and Verawal, and the minimum from 5° to 8° above it in Mysore, the Madras Presidency and at Jubulpore, Khandwa. Nagpur, Akola, Ahmednagar and Sholapur, The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Cuddapah, and the lowest 42° at Jacobabad.

Humidity changes are irregular, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in many places.

Light to moderate showers have fallen at Delhi Agra, Cawupore, Allahabad, Jhansi, Jeypore, Ajmere Saugor, Jubulepore, Hoshangabad and Nagpur, and a few drops at Akola and Amraoti.

The depression noticed in the last two reports has filled up. Light local showers are possible in Rajputana, Central and North-West Provinces and Berar.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

WEATHER AT DAMAUN.

On Monday, the 7th instant, the sky became overcast in the evening and the velocity of the wind increased until as night grew

WRITERS AND READERS.

LORD ROSEBERY's book on Napoleon is to be translated into German as well as French. The latter translation has been confided to M. Filon, an excellent choice. It is understood that close upon twenty thousand copies of the English edition of the book have now been sold.

An eminent English diplomatist who recently retired from the service has been writing his reminiscences. They will be published early this year, and cannot fail, on the ground of their authorship and contents, to attract wide attention. It is not permitted, at the moment, to mention the author's name. This circumstance has the advantage that it allows the curious to guess.

The expectation has already been expressed here that Colonel Mackinnon—he has, of course, just become a major-general—would give us a book on the C.I.V. campaign in South Africa. Such a book will be published by Mr. John Murray, under the little The Diary of the C.I.V. The members of the regiment were not always together, detachments being at times on separate duty. Thus the daily journal which the Commandant kept could not record at first hand every experience of the corps. Still it will be found full enough, and moreover it has the advantage, from the readers' point of view, of being a personal narrative.

What sort of books are people buying this year for Christmas presents? A column would be needed to give the answer, and indeed it would be unsatisfactory then. It may be said, however, that art books are first favourites with well-to-do folks. Illustrations are really the essential thing nowadays in a Christmas book, whether the price of it be high or low. Pretty editions of the classics are bought but library editions are thought too heavy. War books are hardly benefiting at all from the Christmas trade. In fact, the selection of books for Christmas presents is rather a haphazard business, because we do it with a rush in the last few days.

The library, descriptive of the physical environment of the nations, which Mr. Heinemann, announced some time ago, is now well forward. Accordingly, here is a list of the volumes and their authors:—

"Britain and the British Seas," by Mr. H. J. Mackinder.
"Western Europe and the Mediterranean," by Elisee Reclus.
"Central Europe," by Dr. Joseph Partsch,
"Scandinavia and the Arctic," by Sir Clements Markham.
"The Russian Empire," by Prince Kropotkin.
"The Near East," by Mr. D. G. Hogarth.
"Africa," by Dr. J. Scott Keltie.
"India," by Colonel Sir Thomas Holdich.
"The Far East," by Mr. Archibald Little,
"North America," by Dr. Israel C. Russell.
"South America," by Dr. John C. Branner.
"Australasia and Antarctica," by Dr. H. O. Forbes.

It is natural that we should take stock of the earth and its peoples at the end of a century, and that is the mission of the library.

Hall Caine is in London on his way to Rome, where he will finish his new novel which relates to the Eternal City.—Sir Walter Besant has written another novel and named it "The Lady of Lynn." It will, in the first instance, appear serially in the "Queen"—Mr. Manville Fenn continues to be one of our most active authors. He has written a new story, which Messrs. Chatto will publish. The title of it is "Running Amok."—Messrs. Chatto also announce a story of the South African War by Mr. Ernest Glanville. It is called "Max Thornton," and will have illustrations by Mr. Shaw Compton, R.I.

Mrs. Voynich is the writer of a novel entitled, "Jack Raymond," which Mr. Heinemann will publish in January. He has a number of novels for publication in the early spring.

Four volumes are still needed to complete the English uniform edition of Gabriele d'Annunzio's novels. They are "The Prodigy" and "The Annunciation," in the Romances of the Lily series, and "The Dictator" and "The Triumph of Life" in the Romances of the Pomegranate series. They will appear during the coming year.

The Australian novel—the novel of the bush—makes way in the Old Country. A novel of that school is being published by Mr. Fisher Unwin with the title "The Wisdom of Esau." It is by two authors—Messrs. Chomley and Oathwaite.

Mr. Walter Winans's book on the art of revolver shooting will be published by Putnam's early in January. Mr. Winans is a great revolver shot, and his performances at Bisley are a feature of that meeting. For many years he has been working out the theory and practice of the revolver. He has made it a serious study, and here he will give the results of that study. One lesson of the South African War has been that the revolver rarely gets within range. However that may be, Mr. Winans gives a special chapter on its use as a war weapon. His book will have illustrations from snap-shot photographs and sketches.

A life study in criticism! Isn't that a new phrase? At all events it conveys very clearly the purpose of a book which Messrs. Chatto are to publish. This is a study of Stevenson's writings and of Stevenson himself, and the author is Mr. Bellyse Baildon, of Edinburgh. Much has been written of Stevenson since his death, but he is a subject of whom readers do not tire. He was always a personality to his readers—he walked in his own print—and hence this interest. The volume will contain two portraits of him, one of them from a painting made at Samoa in 1894. It should be specially welcome.

Mr. T. W. Russell, is contributing an article on the Irish land campaign, which he has proclaimed, to the January number of the "Fortnightly."

Sir Edward Grey will be among the contributors to an edition of Izaak Walton's "Complete Angler," which Messrs. Freemantle are to publish under the editorship of Mr. George A. B. Dewar.

Lady Randolph Churchill's quarterly, "The Anglo-Saxon Review," is now to be published by Mr. John Macqueen. He has moved from Norfolk-street to new offices at Rupert street.

An English translation of the letters which Prince Bismarck wrote to his wife, both before and after their marriage, is to be published by Mr. Heinemann.

He also announces the translation of a book by a young French lieutenant who served with the Boers under Colonel Villebois. It is said to be written with great fairness.

To the books about mediæval towns which Mr. Dent has published he will shortly add another one on Rome. It is by Mr. Norwood Young, with illustrations by Miss Nelly Erichsen.—The next volume in Messrs Kegan Paul's Westminster Biographies will have George Eliot for its subject. The author is Miss Clara Linklater Thomson, who recently published a book on Richardson the novelist.

The Clarendon Press will publish at the beginning of January a French Grammar for upper forms in public Schools, by Mr. Arthur H. Wall, of Marlborough College.

By way of introduction to the new century the "Fortnightly" will have an article on its own origin and history. This is a very interesting story in a literary sense, for the "Fortnightly" was the first, of the reviews of its type. Before its publication English reviews had identified themselves with one side of politics or the other, and they had been written by the "great anonymous". When the "Fortnightly" appeared in the year 1865, it changed all this, for its pages were open to all parties and its articles were signed. Anthony Trollope was one of the founders, and George Henry Lewes the first editor. Mr. John Morley followed him, and the other editorships are within memory.

A work on Dante and Giovanni del Vergilio is being published by Messrs. Constable. It is by two authors, Mr. Philip H. Wicksteed and Mr. Edmund G. Gardner. Besides a critical edition of the text of Dante's two Latin eclogues, the volume is to contain the complete poetical remains of Giovanni del Vergilio, including the latter's famous eclogue addressed to the Paduan poet and patriot, Albertino Musatto. Prose translations and commentaries will be furnished, and will be accompanied by biographical sketches of Giovanni del Vergilio and Albertino Musatto and a brief study of the close of Dante's life will be added. It is hoped that the book may fill a gap in Dante literature, and also throw interesting light upon the life of Italian scholars in the early part of the fourteenth century.

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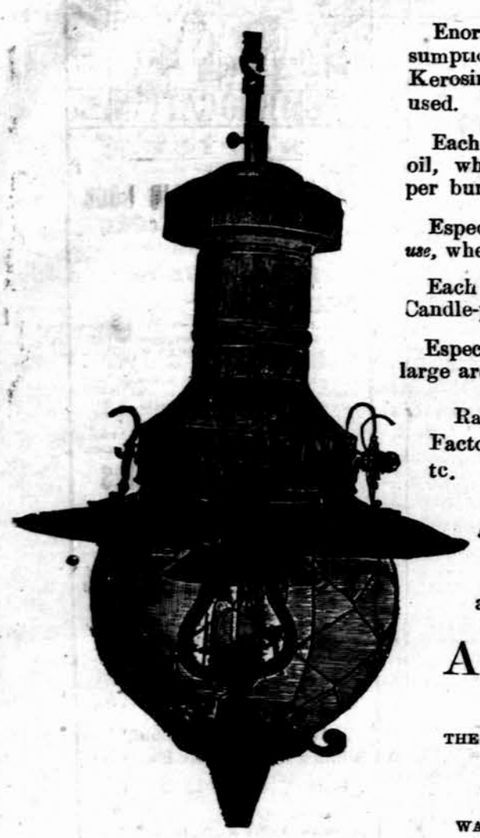

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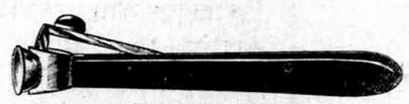
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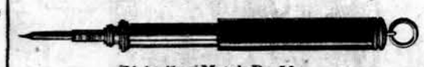
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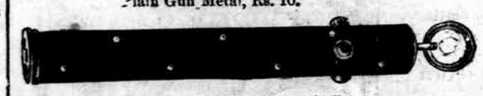
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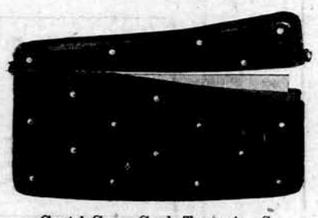
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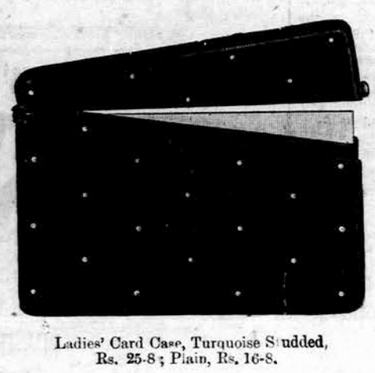
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